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To provide for retirement savings and security.

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Mr. Gephardt (for himself, Mr. Bonior, Mr. Bentsen, Mr. Gejdenson, Mr. Pomeroy, Mr. Sawyer, Mr. Fazio of California, Mrs. Kennelly, Mr. Dingell, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Clay, Mr. Lafalce, Mr. Oberstar, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Kennedy of Massachusetts, Mr. Stark, Mr. Matsui, Mr. Coyne, Mr. Levin, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Kleczka, Mr. Lewis of Georgia, Mr. Neal of Massachusetts, Mr. Miller of California, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrews, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Ms. Woolsey, Mr. Fattah, Ms. DeLauro, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. OBEY, Mr. FROST, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. YATES, Mr. Gonzalez, Mr. Studds, Mr. Markey, Mr. Rahall, Mr. Vento, Mr. Evans, Ms. Kaptur, Mr. Spratt, Mr. Torres, Mr. Towns, Mr. Wise, Mr. Kanjorski, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Costello, Ms. Slaugh-TER, Mrs. Lowey, Mr. Serrano, Mr. Olver, Mr. Filner, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HOLDEN, Mrs. Meek of Florida, Mr. Scott, Mr. Stupak, Mrs. Thurman, Ms. Velázquez, Mr. WYNN, Mr. Baldacci, Ms. Lofgren, FALEOMAVAEGA, and Mr. SANDERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide for retirement savings and security.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- 4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
- 5 "Retirement Savings and Security Act".
- 6 (b) Table of Contents.—
 - Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

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- Sec. 1102. Tax-exempt organizations eligible under section 401(k).
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- Sec. 1105. Definition of highly compensated employees.
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- Sec. 1107. Contributions on behalf of disabled employees.
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- Sec. 1201. Treatment of governmental and multiemployer plans under section 415 and treatment of excess benefit plans.
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- Sec. 1203. Assumptions for adjusting certain benefits of defined benefit plans for early retirees.
- Sec. 1204. Treatment of deferred compensation plans of State and local governments and tax-exempt organizations.
- Sec. 1205. No required distributions for active employees.
- Sec. 1206. Simplified method for taxing annuity distributions under certain employer plans.
- Sec. 1207. Repeal of 5-year income averaging for lump-sum distributions.
- Sec. 1208. Elimination of half-year requirements.
- Sec. 1209. Distributions under rural cooperative plans.
- Sec. 1210. Modification of additional participation requirements.
- Sec. 1211. Uniform retirement age.
- Sec. 1212. Treatment of leased employees.

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- Sec. 1214. Elimination of partial termination rules for multiemployer plans.
- Sec. 1215. Elective deferrals under section 403(b).
- Sec. 1216. Uniform penalty provisions to apply to certain pension reporting requirements.
- Sec. 1217. Tax on prohibited transactions.
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Chapter 2—Distributions and Investments

- Sec. 1321. Distributions from IRAs may be used without additional tax to purchase first homes, to pay higher education or financially devastating medical expenses, or by the unemployed.
- Sec. 1322. Contributions must be held at least 5 years in certain cases.
- Sec. 1323. Investments in qualified State prepaid tuition programs.

CHAPTER 3—TERMINATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS

Sec. 1331. Termination of certain provisions

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- Sec. 1401. Alternative nondiscrimination rules for certain plans that provide for early participation.
- Sec. 1402. Treatment of certain veterans' reemployment rights.
- Sec. 1403. Elimination of special vesting rule for multiemployer plans.

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- Sec. 1501. Conforming amendment relating to missing participants.
- Sec. 1502. Conforming amendments relating to ERISA enforcement.

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- Sec. 2001. Reporting and fiduciary requirements relating to NESTs.
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- Sec. 4006. Effective date.

1 TITLE I—REVENUE PROVISIONS

- 2 SEC. 1100. AMENDMENT OF 1986 CODE.
- 3 Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in
- 4 this title an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms
- 5 of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-

1	sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to a
2	section or other provision of the Internal Revenue Code
3	of 1986.
4	Subtitle A—Expanded Pension
5	Coverage and Simplification
6	CHAPTER 1—THE NEST AND OTHER
7	COVERAGE EXPANSION
8	SEC. 1101. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL EMPLOYEE SAV-
9	INGS TRUSTS FOR EMPLOYEES OF SMALL EM-
10	PLOYERS.
11	(a) In General.—Section 408 (relating to individual
12	retirement accounts) is amended by redesignating sub-
13	section (p) as subsection (q) and by inserting after sub-
14	section (o) the following new subsection:
15	"(p) NESTs.—
16	"(1) In general.—For purposes of this title,
17	the term 'NEST' means an individual retirement ac-
18	count or annuity established under a written plan of
19	an eligible employer—
20	"(A) which meets the requirements of
21	paragraphs (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8), and
22	"(B) under which contributions are made
23	to NESTs solely in accordance with a qualified
24	formula.

1	"(2) Qualified formula.—For purposes of
2	this subsection—
3	"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'qualified
4	formula' means a contribution formula which
5	meets the requirements for—
6	"(i) a 3-percent formula under sub-
7	paragraph (B), or
8	"(ii) a matching-contribution formula
9	under subparagraph (C).
10	"(B) 3-PERCENT FORMULA.—
11	"(i) Nonelective contribu-
12	TIONS.—The requirements of the 3-percent
13	formula are met if, pursuant to the terms
14	of the plan, the employer makes nonelec-
15	tive contributions of 3 percent of com-
16	pensation for each eligible employee who
17	has at least \$5,000 of compensation from
18	the employer for the year.
19	"(ii) Elective contributions.—A
20	plan shall not fail to meet the require-
21	ments of this subparagraph merely be-
22	cause, pursuant to the terms of the plan,
23	an eligible employee may elect to have the
24	employer make payments—

1	"(I) as elective contributions to
2	the NEST on behalf of the employee,
3	or
4	"(II) to the employee directly in
5	cash.
6	"(C) Matching-contribution for-
7	MULA.—The requirements of the matching-con-
8	tribution formula are met if, pursuant to the
9	terms of the plan—
10	"(i) the employer makes nonelective
11	contributions of 1 percent of compensation
12	for each eligible employee who has at least
13	\$5,000 of compensation from the employer
14	for the year,
15	"(ii) an eligible employee may elect to
16	have the employer make payments—
17	"(I) as elective contributions to
18	the NEST on behalf of the employee,
19	or
20	"(II) to the employee directly in
21	cash, and
22	"(iii) the employer makes matching
23	contributions on behalf of each eligible em-
24	ployee in an amount equal to—

1	"(I) 100 percent of the elective
2	contributions of the employee to the
3	extent such elective contributions do
4	not exceed 3 percent of the employee's
5	compensation, and
6	"(II) a uniform percentage

"(II) a uniform percentage (which is at least 50 percent but not more than 100 percent) of the elective contributions of the employee to the extent that such elective contributions exceed 3 percent but do not exceed 5 percent of the employee's compensation.

"(D) DISCRETIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS.—A plan shall not be treated as failing to meet the requirements of this paragraph merely because, pursuant to the terms of the plan, an employer makes nonelective contributions under subparagraph (B)(i) or (C)(i) in excess of 3 percent or 1 percent of compensation, respectively, but only if all such contributions bear a uniform relationship to the compensation of each eligible employee and do not exceed 5 percent of compensation for any eligible employee.

- "(E) LIMITATION ON ELECTIVE CONTRIBU-TIONS.—Elective contributions to a NEST under subparagraph (B)(ii) or (C)(ii) shall not be treated as made pursuant to a qualified formula if such contributions on behalf of any employee for a year exceed the greater of \$5,000 or one-half of the limitation applicable for the year to elective deferrals under section 402(g).
 - "(F) Compensation limit.—Contributions to a NEST shall not be treated as made pursuant to a qualified formula if the annual compensation taken into account for any employee under the formula exceeds the limitation imposed by section 401(a)(17).
 - "(G) Lower compensation threshold permitted.—A plan shall not be treated as failing to meet the requirements of this paragraph merely because, pursuant to the terms of the plan, an employer makes nonelective contributions under subparagraph (B)(i) or (C)(i) to each eligible employee who has compensation from the employer for the year in excess of a uniform compensation threshold which is less than \$5,000.
 - "(H) For purposes of this paragraph—

1	"(i) In general.—The term 'com-
2	pensation' has the meaning given such
3	term by section $414(q)(3)$.
4	"(ii) Self-employed individ-
5	UALS.—Notwithstanding clause (i), in the
6	case of an employee within the meaning of
7	section 401(c)(1), compensation under sec-
8	tion 414(q)(3) shall be determined without
9	regard to paragraph (2)(A) (v) and (vi) of
10	section 401(c).
11	"(3) Definitions.—For purposes of this sub-
12	section—
13	"(A) ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER.—
14	"(i) In general.—The term 'eligible
15	employer' means, with respect to any year,
16	an employer which had no more than 100
17	employees who received at least \$5,000 of
18	compensation from the employer for the
19	preceding year.
20	"(ii) 2-year grace period.—An eli-
21	gible employer who establishes and main-
22	tains a plan under this subsection for 1 or
23	more years and who fails to be an eligible
24	employer for any subsequent year shall be
25	treated as an eligible employer for the 2

1	years following the last year the employer
2	was an eligible employer. If such failure is
3	due to any acquisition, disposition, or simi-
4	lar transaction involving an eligible em-
5	ployer, the preceding sentence shall apply
6	only in accordance with rules similar to the
7	rules of section $410(b)(6)(C)(i)$.
8	"(B) Employee.—The term 'employee' in-
9	cludes an employee as defined in section
10	401(e)(1).
11	"(C) ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE.—
12	"(i) In general.—The term 'eligible
13	employee' means, with respect to any year,
14	any employee who, prior to such year—
15	"(I) completed 2 consecutive
16	years of service with the employer,
17	and
18	"(II) attained 21 years of age.
19	A plan may provide a uniform shorter pe-
20	riod of service or lower age to apply in lieu
21	of those under the preceding sentence.
22	"(ii) Excludable employees.—An
23	employer may elect not to treat employees
24	described in section 410(b)(3) as eligible
25	employees.

1 "(iii) YEAR OF SERVICE.—For pur2 poses of this paragraph, an employee shall
3 be treated as completing a year of service
4 for each year for which the employee re5 ceives at least \$5,000 of compensation
6 from the employer.

- "(D) Compensation.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'compensation' means wages within the meaning of section 3401(a) and all other payments of compensation to an employee by the employer with respect to which the employer is required to furnish the employee a written statement under sections 6041(d), 6051(a)(3), and 6052. In the case of an employee (within the meaning of section 401(c)(1)), such term means earned income within the meaning of section 401(c)(2).
- "(E) Year.—The term 'year' means the calendar year.
- "(4) VESTING REQUIREMENTS.—A plan meets the requirements of this paragraph only if the employee's rights to the employee's account balance under the NEST are nonforfeitable. Except as provided in paragraph (5), the rules of subsection (k)(4) shall apply for purposes of this paragraph.

1	"(5) Two-year holding period.—A plan
2	meets the requirements of this paragraph only if the
3	plan, and each NEST under the plan, prohibits the
4	withdrawal of contributions made for a year (and
5	any earnings allocable thereto) during the 2-year pe-
6	riod beginning on the first day of such year.
7	"(6) Time contributions required to be
8	MADE.—
9	"(A) ELECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS.—A plan
10	meets the requirements of this paragraph only
11	if, under the terms of the plan, the employer
12	must make all elective contributions to a NEST
13	not later than the date on which such contribu-
14	tions would otherwise be required to be made
15	under title I of the Employee Retirement In-
16	come Security Act of 1974 if such contributions
17	were elective contributions under a qualified
18	cash or deferred arrangement under section
19	401(k).
20	"(B) Nonelective and matching con-
21	TRIBUTIONS.—
22	"(i) IN GENERAL.—A plan meets the
23	requirements of this paragraph only if,
24	under the terms of the plan, the employer

must make all nonelective and matching

1 contributions not later than the close of 2 the 45-day period following the last day of 3 the calendar quarter for which the con-4 tributions are to be made.

> "(ii) Compensation exception.—If an employer does not make nonelective contributions to a NEST for employees whose compensation from the employer for the year is less than the threshold amount of \$5,000 (or such lower amount permitted under paragraph (2)(G)), then clause (i) shall apply with respect to nonelective contributions only for employees who received at least the threshold amount of compensation as of the end of the applicable quarter. In the case of an employee who reaches the threshold amount in a calendar quarter other than the first calendar quarter, the employer shall make nonelective contributions for that calendar quarter and all preceding calendar quarters not later than the date prescribed for that quarter. "(C) Contributions after Year-end.—

For purposes of this subsection, a contribution on account of a year which is made within 45

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1	days (or within a period prescribed by the Sec-
2	retary) after the close of the year shall be
3	deemed to have been made on the last day of
4	such year.
5	"(7) Employee elections.—A plan meets the
6	requirements of this paragraph only if, under the
7	terms of the plan—
8	"(A) an employee may elect to terminate
9	elective contributions (described in subpara-
10	graphs (B)(ii) and (C)(ii) of paragraph (2)) at
11	any time during the year, except that, if the
12	employer so elects, the employee may not
13	resume participation until the first day of the
14	next year (or such earlier time as provided by
15	the plan), and
16	"(B) each employee eligible to partici-
17	pate—
18	"(i) may elect, during the 60-day pe-
19	riod before the beginning of any year, to
20	make elective contributions, or to modify
21	the amount of elective contributions, for
22	such year, and
23	"(ii) may elect, within 30 days of be-
24	coming eligible to participate in the plan,
25	to make elective contributions for the year

1	"(8) Other plans of the employer.—
2	"(A) Prohibition on other plans with
3	ELECTIVE OR MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS.—A
4	plan shall not meet the requirements of this
5	paragraph for a year if the employer maintain-
6	ing the plan maintains—
7	"(i) a plan providing for elective de-
8	ferrals described in section 402(g)(3), or
9	"(ii) any plan described in section
10	401(a) which provides for matching con-
11	tributions (within the meaning of section
12	401(m)(4)(A)).
13	For purposes of this subparagraph, an employer
14	shall not be treated as maintaining a plan for
15	a year if, under the plan, no contributions or
16	benefit accruals may occur for such year.
17	"(B) Coordination with other
18	PLANS.—
19	"(i) Other plans disregarded.—If
20	an employer maintaining a plan to which
21	this subsection applies also maintains 1 or
22	more plans described in section 401(a),
23	403(a), or 408(k) (other than a plan de-
24	scribed in subparagraph (A)), the deter-
25	mination of whether such plan satisfies the

requirements of this subsection shall be made without regard to such other plans.

"(ii) NEST DISREGARDED.—Except as provided in sections 404(m) and 415(a)(2), a plan to which this subsection applies shall not be taken into account in applying this title to any other plan described in clause (i).

"(9) Employer options.—

"(A) USE OF DESIGNATED FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.—A plan shall not be treated as failing to satisfy the requirements of this subsection or any other provision of this title merely because the employer makes all contributions
to the individual retirement accounts or annuities of a designated trustee or issuer. The preceding sentence shall not apply unless each
NEST plan participant is notified in writing
(either separately or as part of the notice under
subsection (l)(2)(C)) that the participant's balance may be transferred without cost or penalty
to another individual account or annuity in accordance with section 408(d)(3)(G).

"(B) Suspension of Plan.—Except as provided by the Secretary, a plan shall not be

1	treated as failing to meet the requirements of
2	this subsection if, under the plan, the employer
3	may suspend all elective, matching, and non-
4	elective contributions under the plan after noti-
5	fying eligible employees of such suspension in
6	writing at least 30 days in advance. Such sus-
7	pension shall apply to contributions with re-
8	spect to compensation earned after the effective
9	date of the suspension. Only 1 suspension
10	under this subparagraph may take effect during
11	any year.
12	"(10) Model form to be provided.—The
13	Secretary shall issue a model form that may be used
14	by an eligible employer to establish a plan that satis-
15	fies all requirements of this subsection."
16	(b) TAX TREATMENT OF NESTS.—
17	(1) Deductibility of contributions.—
18	(A) Section 219(b) (relating to maximum
19	amount of deduction) is amended by adding at
20	the end the following new paragraph:
21	"(4) Special rule for nests.—This section
22	shall not apply with respect to any amount contrib-
23	uted to a NEST established under section 408(p)."
24	(B) Section 219(g)(5)(A) (defining active
25	participant) is amended by striking "or" at the

1	end of clause (iv) and by adding at the end the
2	following new clause:
3	"(vi) any NEST (with the meaning of
4	section 408(p)), or".
5	(C) Section 404 (relating to deductions for
6	contributions of an employer) is amended by
7	adding at the end the following new subsection:
8	"(m) Special Rules for NESTs.—
9	"(1) In general.—Employer contributions to
10	a NEST (within the meaning of section 408(p))
11	shall be treated as if they are made to a plan subject
12	to the requirements of this section. Employer deduc-
13	tions for such contributions shall be subject to the
14	following limitations:
15	"(A) Contributions made for a calendar
16	year are deductible for the taxable year of the
17	employer with or within which the calendar year
18	ends.
19	"(B) Contributions shall be treated for
20	purposes of this subsection as if they were
21	made for a calendar year if such contributions
22	are made on account of such calendar year and
23	are made not later than the time prescribed in
24	section $408(p)(6)$.

- 1 "(C) The amount deductible in a taxable
 2 year for a NEST shall not exceed the amount
 3 contributed pursuant to a qualified formula
 4 (within the meaning of section 408(p)(2)), and
 5 shall be deductible without regard to the
 6 amount contributed under any other plan sub7 ject to this section.
 - "(2) EFFECT ON STOCK BONUS AND PROFIT-SHARING TRUST.—For any taxable year for which the employer has a deduction under paragraph (1), the otherwise applicable limitations in subsection (a)(3)(A) with respect to a stock bonus or profitsharing trust maintained by the same employer shall be reduced by the amount of the allowable deduction under paragraph (1).
 - "(3) COORDINATION WITH SUBSECTION
 (a)(7).—For purposes of applying the limitation of subsection (a)(7) with respect to a plan to which this section applies (other than a plan to which section 408(p) applies), a plan to which section 408(p) applies shall be treated as if it were a separate stock bonus or profit-sharing trust of the employer maintaining the plan.
 - "(4) COORDINATION WITH SUBSECTION (h).—
 For any taxable year for which the employer has a

deduction under paragraph (1), the otherwise applicable limitations in subsection (h) with respect to a simplified employee pension maintained by the same employer shall be reduced by the amount of the deduction allowable under paragraph (1)."

(2) Contributions and distributions.—

(A) Section 402 (relating to taxability of beneficiary of employees' trust) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(k) TREATMENT OF NESTs.—The rules of para-11 graphs (1) and (3) of subsection (h) shall apply to con-12 tributions and distributions with respect to a NEST under 13 section 408(p)."

(B) Section 408(d)(3) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(G) NESTs.—This paragraph shall apply to an amount distributed to an individual with respect to a NEST only to the extent such amount is paid directly to an individual retirement account or annuity for the benefit of such individual in a direct transfer and, if applicable, such amount continues to be subject to the 2-year holding period described in subsection (p)(5)."

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1	(C) Clause (i) of section $457(c)(2)(B)$ is
2	amended by striking "section 402(h)(1)(B)"
3	and inserting "section 402 (h)(1)(B) or (k)".
4	(e) Reporting Requirements.—
5	(1) In General.—
6	(A) SUMMARY DESCRIPTIONS AND EM-
7	PLOYEE NOTIFICATION.—Section 408(1) is
8	amended by adding at the end the following
9	new paragraph:
10	"(2) NESTs.—
11	"(A) No employer reports.—Except as
12	provided in this paragraph, no report shall be
13	required under this section by an employer
14	maintaining a NEST under subsection (p).
15	"(B) Summary description.—The trust-
16	ee or issuer of any individual retirement ac-
17	count or annuity under a NEST described in
18	subsection (p) shall prepare, and provide to the
19	employer maintaining the arrangement, each
20	year a description containing the following in-
21	formation:
22	"(i) The name and address of the em-
23	ployer and the trustee or issuer.
24	"(ii) The requirements for eligibility
25	for participation.

1	"(iii) The benefits provided with re-
2	spect to the NEST.
3	"(iv) The time and method of making
4	elections with respect to the NEST.
5	"(v) The procedures for, and effects
6	of, distributions (including rollovers) from
7	the arrangement.
8	"(C) Employee notification.—The em-
9	ployer shall notify each employee immediately
10	before the period for which an election de-
11	scribed in subsection (p)(7)(B) may be made of
12	the employee's opportunity to make such elec-
13	tion. Such notice shall include a copy of the de-
14	scription described in subparagraph (B) and
15	shall indicate whether matching contributions
16	will be made with respect to the employee's
17	elective contributions, and the level of employer
18	matching and nonelective contributions which
19	will be made, for the year for which the election
20	may be made."
21	(B) Conforming amendment.—Section
22	408(l) is amended by striking "an employer"
23	and inserting—
24	"(1) In general.—An employer".

1	(2) Trustee and issuer reports.—Section
2	408(i) (relating to reports of trustees or issuers) is
3	amended by adding at the end thereof the following
4	new flush sentence:
5	"In the case of an individual retirement account or annu-
6	ity maintained in connection with a NEST described in
7	subsection (p), only 1 report under this subsection shall
8	be required to be submitted each calendar year to the Sec-
9	retary (at the time provided under paragraph (2)) but, in
10	addition to the report under this subsection, there shall
11	be furnished, within 30 days after each calendar quarter,
12	to the individual on whose behalf the account is main-
13	tained a statement with respect to the account balance as
14	of the close of, and the account activity during, such cal-
15	endar quarter."
16	(3) Penalties for failure to report.—
17	Section 6693 is amended by redesignating sub-
18	section (c) as subsection (d) and by inserting after
19	subsection (b) the following new subsection:
20	"(c) Penalties Relating to NESTs.—
21	"(1) Employer penalties.—An employer who
22	fails to provide 1 or more notices required by section
23	408(l)(2)(C) shall pay a penalty of \$50 for each day
24	on which such failures continue

1	"(2) Trustee Penalties.—A trustee who
2	fails—
3	"(A) to provide 1 or more statements re-
4	quired by the last sentence of section 408(i)
5	shall pay a penalty of \$50 for each day on
6	which such failures continue, or
7	"(B) to provide 1 or more summary de-
8	scriptions required by section 408(l)(2)(B) shall
9	pay a penalty of \$50 for each day on which
10	such failures continue.
11	"(3) Reasonable cause exception.—No
12	penalty shall be imposed under this subsection with
13	respect to any failure which the taxpayer shows was
14	due to reasonable cause."
15	(d) Conforming Amendments.—
16	(1) Section 280G(b)(6) is amended by striking
17	the "or" at the end of subparagraph (B), by striking
18	the period at the end of subparagraph (C) and in-
19	serting ", or", and by adding after subparagraph
20	(C) the following new subparagraph:
21	"(D) a NEST described in section
22	408(p)."
23	(2) Section 402(g)(3) is amended by striking
24	"and" at the end of subparagraph (B), by striking
25	the period at the end of subparagraph (C) and in-

1	serting ", and", and by adding after subparagraph
2	(C) the following new subparagraph:
3	"(D) any elective contribution under sec-
4	tion 408(p)(2)(B)(ii) or (C)(ii)."
5	(3) Subsections (b), (c), $(m)(4)(B)$, and
6	(n)(3)(B) of section 414 are each amended by in-
7	serting "408(p)," after "408(k),".
8	(4) Section 415(a)(2) is amended by adding at
9	the end the following new flush sentence:
10	"A plan described in section 408(p) shall not be subject
11	to this section, except that if an employer that maintains
12	such plan also maintains 1 or more plans, annuities, or
13	accounts subject to this section, such plan shall be taken
14	into account in determining whether any such other plans,
15	annuities, or accounts satisfy the requirements of this sec-
16	tion."
17	(5) Section 4972(d)(1)(A) is amended by strik-
18	ing "and" at the end of clause (ii), by striking the
19	period at the end of clause (iii) and inserting ",
20	and", and by adding after clause (iii) the following
21	new clause:
22	"(iv) any NEST (within the meaning
23	of section 408(p))."
24	(6)(A) Paragraph (5) of section 3121(a) is
25	amended by striking "or" at the end of subpara-

1	graph (F), by inserting "or" at the end of subpara-
2	graph (G), and by adding at the end the following
3	new subparagraph:
4	"(H) under a plan to which section 408(p)
5	applies, other than any elective contributions
6	under subparagraphs (B)(ii) and (C)(ii) of sec-
7	tion $408(p)(2)$,".
8	(B) Section 209(a)(4) of the Social Security
9	Act is amended by inserting ", or (J) under a plan
10	to which section 408(p) of such Code applies, other
11	than any elective contributions under subparagraphs
12	(B)(ii) and (C)(ii) of section $408(p)(2)$ of such
13	Code" before the semicolon at the end thereof.
14	(C) Paragraph (5) of section 3306(b) is amend-
15	ed by striking "or" at the end of subparagraph (F),
16	by inserting "or" at the end of subparagraph (G),
17	and by adding at the end the following new subpara-
18	graph:
19	"(H) under a plan to which section 408(p)
20	applies, other than any elective contributions
21	under subparagraphs (B)(ii) and (C)(ii) of sec-
22	tion $408(p)(2)$,".
23	(D) Paragraph (12) of section 3401(a) is
24	amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

1	"(D) under or to a NEST described in sec-
2	tion 408(p); or".
3	(e) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
4	this section shall apply to years beginning after December
5	31, 1996.
6	SEC. 1102. TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS ELIGIBLE UNDER
7	SECTION 401(k).
8	(a) In General.—Subparagraph (B) of section
9	401(k)(4) is amended to read as follows:
10	"(B) ELIGIBILITY OF STATE AND LOCAL
11	GOVERNMENTS AND TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZA-
12	TIONS.—
13	"(i) Tax-exempts eligible.—Ex-
14	cept as provided in clause (ii), any organi-
15	zation exempt from tax under this subtitle
16	may include a qualified cash or deferred
17	arrangement as part of a plan maintained
18	by it.
19	"(ii) Governments ineligible.—A
20	cash or deferred arrangement shall not be
21	treated as a qualified cash or deferred ar-
22	rangement if it is part of a plan main-
23	tained by a State or local government or
24	political subdivision thereof, or any agency
25	or instrumentality thereof. This clause

1	shall not apply to a rural cooperative plan
2	or to a plan of an employer described in
3	clause (iii).
4	"(iii) Treatment of Indian tribal
5	GOVERNMENTS.—An employer which is an
6	Indian tribal government (as defined in
7	section 7701(a)(40)), a subdivision of an
8	Indian tribal government (determined in
9	accordance with section 7871(d)), or an
10	agency or instrumentality of an Indian
11	tribal government or subdivision thereof
12	may include a qualified cash or deferred
13	arrangement as part of a plan maintained
14	by it."
15	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
16	this section shall apply to plan years beginning after De-
17	cember 31, 1996, but shall not apply to any cash or de-
18	ferred arrangement to which clause (i) of section
19	1116(f)(2)(B) of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 applies.
20	SEC. 1103. NONDISCRIMINATION RULES FOR QUALIFIED
21	CASH OR DEFERRED ARRANGEMENTS AND
22	MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS.
23	(a) Alternative Methods of Satisfying Sec-
24	TION 401(k) NONDISCRIMINATION TESTS.—Section
25	401(k) (relating to cash or deferred arrangements) is

1	amended by adding at the end the following new para-
2	graph:
3	"(11) Alternative methods of meeting
4	NONDISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS.—
5	"(A) IN GENERAL.—A cash or deferred ar-
6	rangement shall be treated as meeting the re-
7	quirements of paragraph (3)(A)(ii) if such ar-
8	rangement—
9	"(i) meets the contribution require-
10	ments of subparagraph (B) or (C), and
11	"(ii) meets the notice requirements of
12	subparagraph (D).
13	"(B) Nonelective and matching con-
14	TRIBUTIONS.—
15	"(i) In general.—The requirements
16	of this subparagraph are met if the re-
17	quirements of clauses (ii) and (iii) are met.
18	"(ii) Nonelective contribu-
19	TIONS.—The requirements of this clause
20	are met if, under the arrangement, the em-
21	ployer is required, without regard to
22	whether the employee makes an elective
23	contribution or employee contribution, to
24	make a contribution to a defined contribu-
25	tion plan on behalf of each employee who

1	is not a highly compensated employee and
2	who is eligible to participate in the ar-
3	rangement in an amount equal to at least
4	1 percent of the employee's compensation.
5	"(iii) Matching contributions.—
6	The requirements of this clause are met if,
7	under the arrangement, the employer
8	makes matching contributions on behalf of
9	each employee who is not a highly com-
10	pensated employee in an amount equal
11	to—
12	"(I) 100 percent of the elective
13	contributions of the employee to the
14	extent such elective contributions do
15	not exceed 3 percent of the employee's
16	compensation, and
17	"(II) 50 percent of the elective
18	contributions of the employee to the
19	extent that such elective contributions
20	exceed 3 percent but do not exceed 5
21	percent of the employee's compensa-
22	tion.
23	"(iv) Rate for highly com-
24	PENSATED EMPLOYEES.—The require-
25	ments of clause (iii) are not met if, under

1	the arrangement, the rate of matching con-
2	tribution with respect to any rate of elec-
3	tive contribution of a highly compensated
4	employee is greater than that with respect
5	to an employee who is not a highly com-
6	pensated employee. For purposes of this
7	clause, to the extent provided in regula-
8	tions, the last sentences of paragraph
9	(3)(A) and subsection (m)(2)(B) shall not
10	apply.
11	"(v) Alternative plan designs.—
12	If the rate of matching contribution with
13	respect to any rate of elective contribution
14	is not equal to the percentage required
15	under clause (iii), an arrangement shall
16	not be treated as failing to meet the re-
17	quirements of clause (iii) if—
18	"(I) the rate of an employer's
19	matching contribution does not in-
20	crease as an employee's rate of elec-
21	tive contribution increase, and
22	"(II) the aggregate amount of
23	matching contributions at such rate of
24	elective contribution is at least equal
25	to the aggregate amount of matching

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1	contributions which would be made if
2	matching contributions were made on
3	the basis of the percentages described
4	in clause (iii).
5	"(C) Nonelective contributions.—
6	The requirements of this subparagraph are met
7	if, under the arrangement, the employer is re-
8	quired, without regard to whether the employee
9	makes an elective contribution or employee con-
10	tribution, to make a contribution to a defined
11	contribution plan on behalf of each employee
12	who is not a highly compensated employee and
13	who is eligible to participate in the arrangement
14	in an amount equal to at least 3 percent of the
15	employee's compensation.
16	"(D) Notice requirement.—An ar-
17	rangement meets the requirements of this para-
18	graph if, under the arrangement, each employee
19	eligible to participate is, within a reasonable pe-
20	riod before any year, given written notice of the
21	employee's rights and obligations under the ar-
22	rangement which—
23	"(i) is sufficiently accurate and com-
24	prehensive to reasonably apprise the em-

ployee of such rights and obligations, and

1 "(ii) is written in a manner calculated 2 to be understood by the average employee 3 eligible to participate.

"(E) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—

"(i) WITHDRAWAL AND VESTING RESTRICTIONS.—An arrangement shall not be
treated as meeting the requirements of
subparagraph (B) or (C) of this paragraph
unless the requirements of subparagraphs
(B) and (C) of paragraph (2) are met with
respect to all employer contributions (including matching contributions) taken into
account in determining whether the requirements of subparagraphs (B) and (C)
of this paragraph are met.

"(ii) SOCIAL SECURITY AND SIMILAR CONTRIBUTIONS NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.—An arrangement shall not be treated as meeting the requirements of subparagraph (B) or (C) unless such requirements are met without regard to subsection (l), and, for purposes of subsection (l), employer contributions under subparagraph (B) or (C) shall not be taken into account.

1	"(F) Other plans.—An arrangement
2	shall be treated as meeting the requirements
3	under subparagraph (A)(i) if any other plan
4	maintained by the employer meets such require-
5	ments with respect to employees eligible under
6	the arrangement."
7	(b) ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF SATISFYING SEC-
8	TION 401(m) NONDISCRIMINATION TESTS.—Section
9	401(m) (relating to nondiscrimination test for matching
10	contributions and employee contributions) is amended by
11	redesignating paragraph (10) as paragraph (11) and by
12	adding after paragraph (9) the following new paragraph:
13	"(10) Alternative method of satisfying
14	TESTS.—
15	"(A) In general.—A defined contribution
16	plan shall be treated as meeting the require-
17	ments of paragraph (2) with respect to match-
18	ing contributions if the plan—
19	"(i) meets the contribution require-
20	ments of subparagraph (B) or (C) of sub-
21	section (k)(11),
22	"(ii) meets the notice requirements of
23	subsection (k)(11)(D), and
24	"(iii) meets the requirements of sub-
25	paragraphs (B) and (C).

1	"(B) Limitation on matching con-
2	TRIBUTIONS.—The requirements of this sub-
3	paragraph are met if—
4	"(i) matching contributions on behalf
5	of any employee may not be made with re-
6	spect to an employee's contributions or
7	elective deferrals in excess of 6 percent of
8	the employee's compensation,
9	"(ii) the rate of an employer's match-
10	ing contribution does not increase as the
11	rate of an employee's contributions or elec-
12	tive deferrals increase, and
13	"(iii) the matching contribution with
14	respect to any highly compensated em-
15	ployee at any rate of an employee contribu-
16	tion or rate of elective deferral is not
17	greater than that with respect to an em-
18	ployee who is not a highly compensated
19	employee.
20	To the extent provided in regulations, the last
21	sentences of paragraph (2)(B) and subsection
22	(k)(3)(A) shall not apply for purposes of clause
23	(iii).
24	"(C) Test must be met separately.—
25	If this paragraph applies to any matching con-

1	tributions, such contributions shall not be taken
2	into account in determining whether employee
3	contributions satisfy the requirements of this
4	subsection."
5	(c) Year for Computing Nonhighly Com-
6	PENSATED EMPLOYEE PERCENTAGE.—
7	(1) Cash or deferred arrangements.—
8	Clause (ii) of section 401(k)(3)(A) is amended—
9	(A) by striking "such year" and inserting
10	"the plan year",
11	(B) by striking "for such plan year" and
12	inserting "for the preceding plan year", and
13	(C) by adding at the end the following new
14	sentence: "An arrangement may apply this
15	clause by using the plan year rather than the
16	preceding plan year if the employer so elects
17	except that if such an election is made, it may
18	not be changed except as provided by the Sec-
19	retary."
20	(2) Matching and employee contribu-
21	TIONS.—Section 401(m)(2)(A) is amended—
22	(A) by inserting "for such plan year" after
23	"highly compensated employees",

1	(B) by inserting "for the preceding plan
2	year" after "eligible employees" each place it
3	appears in clause (i) and clause (ii), and
4	(C) by adding at the end the following
5	flush sentence: "This subparagraph may be ap-
6	plied by using the plan year rather than the
7	preceding plan year if the employer so elects,
8	except that if such an election is made, it may
9	not be changed except as provided the Sec-
10	retary."
11	(d) Special Rule for Determining Average De-
12	FERRAL PERCENTAGE FOR FIRST PLAN YEAR, ETC.—
13	(1) Paragraph (3) of section 401(k) is amended
14	by adding at the end the following new subpara-
15	graph:
16	"(E) For purposes of this paragraph, in
17	the case of the first plan year of any plan, the
18	amount taken into account as the actual defer-
19	ral percentage of nonhighly compensated em-
20	ployees for the preceding plan year shall be—
21	"(i) 3 percent, or
22	"(ii) the actual deferral percentage of
23	nonhighly compensated employees deter-
24	mined for such first plan year in the case
25	of—

1	"(I) an employer who elects to
2	have this clause apply, or
3	"(II) except to the extent pro-
4	vided by the Secretary, a successor
5	plan."
6	(2) Paragraph (3) of section 401(m) is amend-
7	ed by adding at the end the following: "Rules similar
8	to the rules of subsection (k)(3)(E) shall apply for
9	purposes of this subsection."
10	(e) Distribution of Excess Contributions and
11	Excess Aggregate Contributions.—
12	(1) Subparagraph (C) of section 401(k)(8) (re-
13	lating to arrangement not disqualified if excess con-
14	tributions distributed) is amended by striking "on
15	the basis of the respective portions of the excess con-
16	tributions attributable to each of such employees"
17	and inserting "on the basis of the amount of con-
18	tributions by, or on behalf of, each of such employ-
19	ees".
20	(2) Subparagraph (C) of section 401(m)(6) (re-
21	lating to method of distributing excess aggregate
22	contributions) is amended by striking "on the basis
23	of the respective portions of such amounts attrib-
24	utable to each of such employees" and inserting "on

1 the basis of the amount of contributions on behalf 2 of, or by, each such employee". 3 (f) Effective Dates.— 4 (1) In General.—The amendments made by 5 this section shall apply to plan years beginning after 6 December 31, 1998. Subsections (c), (d), and (e).—The 7 amendments made by subsections (c), (d), and (e) 8 9 shall apply to plan years beginning after December 10 31, 1996. SEC. 1104. REPEAL OF FAMILY AGGREGATION. 12 (a) Repeal of Family Aggregation Rules.— 13 (1) In General.—Paragraph (6) of section 14 414(q) is hereby repealed. 15 (2) Compensation Limit.—Paragraph (17)(A) 16 of section 401(a) is amended by striking the last 17 sentence. 18 (3) Deduction.—Subsection (1) of section 404 19 is amended by striking the last sentence. 20 (b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by 21 this section shall apply to years beginning after December 22 31, 1996.

1	SEC. 1105. DEFINITION OF HIGHLY COMPENSATED EM-
2	PLOYEES.
3	(a) In General.—Paragraph (1) of section 414(q)
4	(defining highly compensated employee) is amended to
5	read as follows:
6	"(1) In General.—The term 'highly com-
7	pensated employee' means any employee who—
8	"(A) was a 5-percent owner at any time
9	during the year or the preceding year, or
10	"(B) for the preceding year had compensa-
11	tion from the employer in excess of \$80,000.
12	The Secretary shall adjust the \$80,000 amount
13	under subparagraph (B) at the same time and in the
14	same manner as under section 415(d), except that
15	the base period shall be the calendar quarter ending
16	September 30, 1996."
17	(b) Conforming Amendments.—
18	(1)(A) Subsection (q) of section 414 is amended
19	by striking paragraphs (2), (4), (5), (8), (10), and
20	(12) and by redesignating paragraphs (3), (7), (9),
21	and (11) as paragraphs (2) through (5), respec-
22	tively.
23	(B) Sections $129(d)(8)(B)$, $401(a)(5)(D)(ii)$,
24	408(k)(2)(C), and $416(i)(1)(D)$ are each amended
25	by striking "section 414(q)(7)" and inserting "sec-
26	tion $414(q)(3)$ ".

1	(C) Section 416(i)(1)(A) is amended by striking
2	"section 414(q)(8)" and inserting "section
3	414(r)(9)".
4	(2)(A) Section 414(r) is amended by adding at
5	the end the following new paragraph:
6	"(9) Excluded employees.—For purposes of
7	paragraph (2)(A), the following employees shall be
8	excluded:
9	"(A) Employees who have not completed 6
10	months of service.
11	"(B) Employees who normally work less
12	than $17\frac{1}{2}$ hours per week.
13	"(C) Employees who normally work not
14	more than 6 months during any year.
15	"(D) Employees who have not attained the
16	age of 21.
17	"(E) Except to the extent provided in reg-
18	ulations, employees who are included in a unit
19	of employees covered by an agreement which
20	the Secretary of Labor finds to be a collective
21	bargaining agreement between employee rep-
22	resentatives and the employer."
23	(B) Subparagraph (A) of section $414(r)(2)$ is
24	amended by striking "subsection (q)(8)" and insert-
25	ing "paragraph (9)".

1	(3) Section 1114(c)(4) of the Tax Reform Act
2	of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the follow-
3	ing new sentence: "Any reference in this paragraph
4	to section 414(q) shall be treated as a reference to
5	such section as in effect on the day before the date
6	of the enactment of the Retirement Savings and Se-
7	curity Act.".
8	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
9	this section shall apply to years beginning after December
10	31, 1996, except that in determining whether an employee
11	is a highly compensated employee for years beginning in
12	1997, such amendments shall be treated as having been
13	in effect for years beginning in 1996.
14	SEC. 1106. REPEAL OF LIMITATION IN CASE OF DEFINED
15	BENEFIT PLAN AND DEFINED CONTRIBUTION
16	PLAN FOR SAME EMPLOYEE.
17	(a) In General.—Section 415(e) is repealed.
18	(b) Conforming Amendments.—
19	(1) Paragraph (1) of section 415(a) is amend-
20	ed —
21	(A) by adding "or" at the end of subpara-
22	graph (A),
23	(B) by striking ", or" at the end of sub-
23 24	(B) by striking ", or" at the end of sub- paragraph (B) and inserting a period, and

(2) Subparagraph (B) of section 415(b)(5) is 1 2 amended by striking "and subsection (e)". 3 (3) Paragraph (1) of section 415(f) is amended by striking "subsections (b), (c), and (e)" and in-4 5 serting "subsections (b) and (c)". 6 (4) Subsection (g) of section 415 is amended by striking "subsections (e) and (f)" in the last sen-7 tence and inserting "subsection (f)". 8 9 (5) Clause (i) of section 415(k)(2)(A) is amend-10 ed to read as follows: 11 "(i) any contribution made directly by 12 an employee under such an arrangement shall not be treated as an annual addition 13 14 for purposes of subsection (c), and". 15 (6)Clause (ii) of section 415(k)(2)(A) is amended by striking "subsections (c) and (e)" and 16 17 inserting "subsection (c)". 18 (7) Section 416 is amended by striking sub-19 section (h). 20 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by 21 this section shall apply to years beginning after December 22 31, 1998.

SEC. 1107. CONTRIBUTIONS ON BEHALF OF DISABLED EM-

- 2 PLOYEES.
- 3 (a) All Disabled Participants Receiving Con-
- 4 TRIBUTIONS.—Section 415(c)(3)(C) is amended by adding
- 5 at the end the following: "If a defined contribution plan
- 6 provides for the continuation of contributions on behalf
- 7 of all participants described in clause (i) for a fixed or
- 8 determinable period, this subparagraph shall be applied
- 9 without regard to clauses (ii) and (iii)."
- 10 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
- 11 this section shall apply to years beginning after December
- 12 31, 1996.
- 13 SEC. 1108. PLANS COVERING SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVID-
- 14 UALS.
- 15 (a) AGGREGATION RULES.—Section 401(d) (relating
- 16 to additional requirements for qualification of trusts and
- 17 plans benefiting owner-employees) is amended to read as
- 18 follows:
- 19 "(d) Contribution Limit on Owner-Employ-
- 20 EES.—A trust forming part of a pension or profit-sharing
- 21 plan which provides contributions or benefits for employ-
- 22 ees some or all of whom are owner-employees shall con-
- 23 stitute a qualified trust under this section only if, in addi-
- 24 tion to meeting the requirements of subsection (a), the
- 25 plan provides that contributions on behalf of any owner-
- 26 employee may be made only with respect to the earned

- 1 income of such owner-employee which is derived from the
- 2 trade or business with respect to which such plan is estab-
- 3 lished."
- 4 (b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 5 this section shall apply to plan years beginning after De-
- 6 cember 31, 1996.
- 7 SEC. 1109. TRUST REQUIREMENT FOR DEFERRED COM-
- 8 PENSATION PLANS OF STATE AND LOCAL
- 9 **GOVERNMENTS.**
- 10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 457 is amended by adding
- 11 at the end the following new subsection:
- 12 "(g) GOVERNMENTAL PLANS MUST MAINTAIN SET-
- 13 ASIDES FOR EXCLUSIVE BENEFIT OF PARTICIPANTS.—
- 14 "(1) IN GENERAL.—A plan maintained by an
- eligible employer described in subsection (e)(1)(A)
- shall not be treated as an eligible deferred com-
- 17 pensation plan unless all amounts, property and
- 18 rights, and income of the plan described in subpara-
- graphs (A), (B), and (C) of subsection (b)(6) are
- 20 held in trust for the exclusive benefit of participants
- and their beneficiaries.
- 22 "(2) Taxability of trusts and partici-
- 23 PANTS.—For purposes of this title—

1	"(A) a trust described in paragraph (1)
2	shall be treated as an organization exempt from
3	taxation under section 501(a), and
4	"(B) notwithstanding any other provision
5	of this title, amounts in the trust shall be in-
6	cludible in the gross income of participants and
7	beneficiaries only to the extent, and at the time,
8	provided in this section.
9	"(3) Custodial account and contracts.—
10	For purposes of this subsection, custodial accounts
11	and contracts described in section 401(f) shall be
12	treated as trusts under rules similar to the rules
13	under section 401(f)."
14	(b) Conforming Amendment.—Paragraph (6) of
15	section 457(b) is amended by inserting "except as pro-
16	vided in subsection (g)," before "which provides that".
17	(c) Effective Dates.—
18	(1) In general.—Except as provided in para-
19	graph (2), the amendments made by this section
20	shall apply to amounts, property and rights, and in-
21	come described in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C)
22	of section 457(b)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of
23	1986 held by a plan on and after the date of the en-
24	actment of this Act.

1 (2)TRANSITION RULE.—In the case of 2 amounts, property and rights, and income described 3 in paragraph (1) under a plan before the last day of the first calendar quarter beginning after the 5 close of the first regular session (beginning after the 6 date of the enactment of this Act) of the State legis-7 lature of the State in which the governmental entity 8 maintaining the plan is located, a trust need not be 9 established by reason of the amendments made by 10 this section before such last day. For purposes of 11 the preceding sentence, in the case of a State that 12 has a 2-year legislative session, each year of such 13 session shall be deemed to be a separate regular ses-14 sion of the State legislature.

15 SEC. 1110. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN DISABILITY BENEFITS

- 16 RECEIVED BY FORMER POLICE OFFICERS OR
- 17 FIREFIGHTERS.
- 18 (a) General Rule.—For purposes of determining
- 19 whether any amount to which this section applies is ex-
- 20 cludable from gross income under section 104(a)(1) of the
- 21 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the following conditions
- 22 shall be treated as personal injuries or sickness in the
- 23 course of employment:
- 24 (1) Heart disease.
- 25 (2) Hypertension.

1	(b) Amounts To Which Section Applies.—This
2	section shall apply to any amount—
3	(1) which is payable—
4	(A) to an individual (or to the survivors of
5	an individual) who was a full-time employee of
6	any police department or fire department which
7	is organized and operated by a State, by any
8	political subdivision thereof, or by any agency
9	or instrumentality of a State or political sub-
10	division thereof, and
11	(B) under a State law (as in existence on
12	July 1, 1992) which irrebuttably presumed that
13	heart disease and hypertension are work-related
14	illnesses but only for employees separating from
15	service before such date; and
16	(2) which is received in calendar year 1989,
17	1990, or 1991.
18	For purposes of the preceding sentence, the term "State"
19	includes the District of Columbia.
20	(c) Waiver of Statute of Limitations.—If, on
21	the date of the enactment of this Act (or at any time with-
22	in the 1-year period beginning on such date of enactment)
23	credit or refund of any overpayment of tax resulting from
24	the provisions of this section is barred by any law or rule
25	of law, credit or refund of such overpayment shall, never-

1	theless, be allowed or made if claim therefore is filed be-
2	fore the date 1 year after such date of enactment.
3	CHAPTER 2—SIMPLIFICATION AND COST
4	SAVINGS
5	SEC. 1201. TREATMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL AND MULTIEM-
6	PLOYER PLANS UNDER SECTION 415 AND
7	TREATMENT OF EXCESS BENEFIT PLANS.
8	(a) Compensation Limit.—Subsection (b) of sec-
9	tion 415 is amended by adding immediately after para-
10	graph (10) the following new paragraph:
11	"(11) Special limitation rule for govern-
12	MENTAL AND MULTIEMPLOYER PLANS.—In the case
13	of a governmental plan (as defined in section
14	414(d)) or a multiemployer plan (as defined in sec-
15	tion 414(f)), subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1)
16	shall not apply."
17	(b) Treatment of Certain Excess Benefit
18	Plans.—
19	(1) In general.—Section 415 is amended by
20	adding at the end the following new subsection:
21	"(m) Treatment of Qualified Governmental
22	Excess Benefit Arrangements.—
23	"(1) Governmental plan not affected.—
24	In determining whether a governmental plan (as de-
25	fined in section 414(d)) meets the requirements of

this section, benefits provided under a qualified governmental excess benefit arrangement shall not be taken into account. Income accruing to a governmental plan (or to a trust that is maintained solely for the purpose of providing benefits under a qualified governmental excess benefit arrangement) in respect of a qualified governmental excess benefit arrangement shall constitute income derived from the exercise of an essential governmental function upon which such governmental plan (or trust) shall be exempt from tax under section 115.

- "(2) Taxation of Participant.—For purposes of this chapter—
 - "(A) the taxable year or years for which amounts in respect of a qualified governmental excess benefit arrangement are includible in gross income by a participant, and
- "(B) the treatment of such amounts when so includible by the participant,

shall be determined as if such qualified governmental excess benefit arrangement were treated as a plan for the deferral of compensation which is maintained by a corporation not exempt from tax under this chapter and which does not meet the requirements for qualification under section 401.

1	"(3) Qualified governmental excess ben-
2	EFIT ARRANGEMENT.—For purposes of this sub-
3	section, the term 'qualified governmental excess ben-
4	efit arrangement' means a portion of a governmental
5	plan if—
6	"(A) such portion is maintained solely for
7	the purpose of providing to participants in the
8	plan that part of the participant's annual bene-
9	fit otherwise payable under the terms of the
10	plan that exceeds the limitations on benefits im-
11	posed by this section,
12	"(B) under such portion no election is pro-
13	vided at any time to the participant (directly or
14	indirectly) to defer compensation, and
15	"(C) benefits described in subparagraph
16	(A) are not paid from a trust forming a part
17	of such governmental plan unless such trust is
18	maintained solely for the purpose of providing
19	such benefits."
20	(2) Rules relating to excess benefit ar-
21	RANGEMENT.—
22	(A) APPLICATION OF SECTION 457.—Sub-
23	section (e) of section 457 is amended by adding
24	at the end the following new paragraph:

1	"(14) Treatment of excess benefit ar-
2	RANGEMENTS.—
3	"(A) In General.—Subsections (b)(2)
4	and $(c)(1)$ shall not apply to any excess benefit
5	arrangement and benefits provided under such
6	an arrangement shall not be taken into account
7	in determining whether any other plan is an eli-
8	gible deferred compensation plan.
9	"(B) Excess benefit arrangement de-
10	FINED.—For purposes of this section, the term
11	'excess benefit arrangement' means a plan
12	which is maintained by an eligible employer
13	solely for purposes of providing benefits for cer-
14	tain employees in excess of the limits on con-
15	tributions and benefits imposed by section 415.
16	Such term includes a qualified governmental ex-
17	cess benefit arrangement (as defined in section
18	415(m)(3))."
19	(B) Conforming amendment.—Para-
20	graph (2) of section 457(f) is amended by strik-
21	ing "and" at the end of subparagraph (C), by
22	striking the period at the end of subparagraph
23	(D) and inserting ", and", and by inserting im-
24	mediately thereafter the following new subpara-

graph:

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1	"(E) an excess benefit arrangement (as de-
2	fined in subsection (e)(14)(B))."
3	(c) Exemption for Survivor and Disability
4	Benefits.—Paragraph (2) of section 415(b) is amended
5	by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:
6	"(I) Exemption for survivor and dis-
7	ABILITY BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER GOVERN-
8	MENTAL AND MULTIEMPLOYER PLANS.—Sub-
9	paragraph (C) of this paragraph and paragraph
10	(5) shall not apply to—
11	"(i) income received from a govern-
12	mental plan (as defined in section 414(d))
13	or a multiemployer plan (as defined in sec-
14	tion 414(f)) as a pension, annuity, or simi-
15	lar allowance as the result of the recipient
16	becoming disabled by reason of personal
17	injuries or sickness, or
18	"(ii) amounts received from a govern-
19	mental or multiemployer plan by the bene-
20	ficiaries, survivors, or the estate of an em-
21	ployee as the result of the death of the em-
22	ployee."
23	(d) REVOCATION OF GRANDFATHER ELECTION —

1	(1) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (C) of section
2	415(b)(10) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
3	lowing new clause:
4	"(ii) REVOCATION OF ELECTION.—An
5	election under clause (i) may be revoked
6	not later than the last day of the third
7	plan year beginning after the date of the
8	enactment of this clause. The revocation
9	shall apply to all plan years to which the
10	election applied and to all subsequent plan
11	years. Any amount paid by a plan in a tax-
12	able year ending after the revocation shall
13	be includible in income in such taxable
14	year under the rules of this chapter in ef-
15	fect for such taxable year, except that, for
16	purposes of applying the limitations im-
17	posed by this section, any portion of such
18	amount which is attributable to any tax-
19	able year during which the election was in
20	effect shall be treated as received in such
21	taxable year."
22	(2) Conforming amendment.—Subparagraph
23	(C) of section 415(b)(10) is amended by striking
24	"This" and inserting:
25	"(i) In General.—This".

1	(e) Effective Date.—
2	(1) In general.—The amendments made by
3	subsections (a), (b), and (c) shall apply to years be-
4	ginning after December 31, 1996.
5	(2) Special rules for governmental
6	PLANS.—
7	(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a govern-
8	mental plan, the amendments made by sub-
9	sections (a), (b), and (c) shall apply to years
10	beginning after December 31, 1995.
11	(B) REVOCATIONS.—The amendments
12	made by subsection (d) shall apply with respect
13	to revocations adopted after the date of the en-
14	actment of this Act.
15	(C) Treatment for years beginning
16	BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1996.—Nothing in the
17	amendments made by this section shall be con-
18	strued to imply that a governmental plan (as
19	defined in section 414(d) of the Internal Reve-
20	nue Code of 1986) fails to satisfy the require-
21	ments of section 415 of such Code for any year

beginning before January 1, 1996.

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1	SEC. 1202. DEFINITION OF COMPENSATION FOR SECTION
2	415 PURPOSES.
3	(a) General Rule.—Section 415(c)(3) (defining
4	participant's compensation) is amended by adding at the
5	end the following new subparagraph:
6	"(D) CERTAIN DEFERRALS INCLUDED.—
7	The term 'participant's compensation' shall in-
8	clude—
9	"(i) any elective deferral (as defined
10	in section $402(g)(3)$,
11	"(ii) any amount which is contributed
12	by the employer at the election of the em-
13	ployee and which is not includible in the
14	gross income of the employee pursuant to
15	section 125, and
16	"(iii) any amount which is deferred at
17	the election of the employee and which is
18	not includible in the gross income of the
19	employee pursuant to section 457."
20	(b) Conforming Amendments.—
21	(1) Section 414(q)(3), as redesignated by sec-
22	tion 1105, is amended to read as follows:
23	"(3) Compensation.—For purposes of this
24	subsection, the term 'compensation' has the meaning
25	given such term by section 415(c)(3)."

1	(2) Section 414(s)(2) is amended by inserting
2	"not" after "elect" in the text and heading thereof.
3	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
4	this section shall apply to years beginning after December
5	31, 1996.
6	SEC. 1203. ASSUMPTIONS FOR ADJUSTING CERTAIN BENE-
7	FITS OF DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS FOR
8	EARLY RETIREES.
9	(a) In General.—Subparagraph (E) of section
10	415(b)(2) (relating to limitation on certain assumptions)
11	is amended—
12	(1) by striking "Except as provided in clause
13	(ii), for purposes of adjusting any benefit or limita-
14	tion under subparagraph (B) or (C)," in clause (i)
15	and inserting "For purposes of adjusting any limita-
16	tion under subparagraph (C) and, except as provided
17	in clause (ii), for purposes of adjusting any benefit
18	under subparagraph (B),", and
19	(2) by striking "For purposes of adjusting the
20	benefit or limitation of any form of benefit subject
21	to section 417(e)(3)," in clause (ii) and inserting
22	"For purposes of adjusting any benefit under sub-
23	paragraph (B) for any form of benefit subject to sec-
24	tion 417(e)(3).".

1	(b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
2	this section shall take effect as if included in the provisions
3	of section 767 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act.
4	SEC. 1204. TREATMENT OF DEFERRED COMPENSATION
5	PLANS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
6	AND TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS.
7	(a) Special Rules for Plan Distributions.—
8	Paragraph (9) of section 457(e) (relating to other defini-
9	tions and special rules) is amended to read as follows:
10	"(9) Benefits not treated as made avail-
11	ABLE BY REASON OF CERTAIN ELECTIONS, ETC.—
12	"(A) Total amount payable is \$3,500
13	OR LESS.—The total amount payable to a par-
14	ticipant under the plan shall not be treated as
15	made available merely because the participant
16	may elect to receive such amount (or the plan
17	may distribute such amount without the partici-
18	pant's consent) if—
19	"(i) such amount does not exceed
20	\$3,500, and
21	"(ii) such amount may be distributed
22	only if—
23	"(I) no amount has been deferred
24	under the plan with respect to such
25	participant during the 2-year period

1	ending on the date of the distribution
2	and
3	"(II) there has been no prior dis-
4	tribution under the plan to such par-
5	ticipant to which this subparagraph
6	applied.
7	A plan shall not be treated as failing to meet
8	the distribution requirements of subsection (d)
9	by reason of a distribution to which this sub-
10	paragraph applies.
11	"(B) ELECTION TO DEFER COMMENCE-
12	MENT OF DISTRIBUTIONS.—The total amount
13	payable to a participant under the plan shall
14	not be treated as made available merely because
15	the participant may elect to defer commence-
16	ment of distributions under the plan if—
17	"(i) such election is made after
18	amounts may be available under the plan
19	in accordance with subsection (d)(1)(A)
20	and before commencement of such dis-
21	tributions, and
22	"(ii) the participant may make only 1
23	such election."
24	(b) Cost-of-Living Adjustment of Maximum De-
25	FERRAL AMOUNT.—Subsection (e) of section 457, as

1	amended by section 1201(b)(2) (relating to governmental
2	plans), is amended by adding at the end the following new
3	paragraph:
4	"(15) Cost-of-living adjustment of maxi-
5	MUM DEFERRAL AMOUNT.—The Secretary shall ad-
6	just the \$7,500 amount specified in subsections
7	(b)(2) and $(c)(1)$ at the same time and in the same
8	manner as under section 415(d), except that the
9	base period shall be the calendar quarter ending
10	September 30, 1994, and any increase under this
11	paragraph which is not a multiple of \$500 shall be
12	rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$500."
13	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
14	this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
15	December 31, 1996.
16	SEC. 1205. NO REQUIRED DISTRIBUTIONS FOR ACTIVE EM
17	PLOYEES.
18	(a) In General.—Section 401(a)(9)(C) (defining re-
19	quired beginning date) is amended to read as follows:
20	"(C) REQUIRED BEGINNING DATE.—For
21	purposes of this paragraph—
22	"(i) In general.—The term 're-
23	quired beginning date' means April 1 of
24	the calendar year following the later of—

1	"(I) the calendar year in which
2	the employee attains age 70½, or
3	"(II) the calendar year in which
4	the employee retires.
5	"(ii) Exception.—Subclause (II) of
6	clause (i) shall not apply—
7	"(I) except as provided in section
8	409(d), in the case of an employee
9	who is a 5-percent owner (as defined
10	in section 416) with respect to the
11	plan year ending in the calendar year
12	in which the employee attains age
13	$70\frac{1}{2}$, or
14	"(II) for purposes of section 408
15	(a)(6) or (b)(3).
16	"(iii) Actuarial adjustment.—In
17	the case of an employee to whom clause
18	(i)(II) applies who retires in a calendar
19	year after the calendar year in which the
20	employee attains age 70½, the employee's
21	accrued benefit shall be actuarially in-
22	creased to take into account the period
23	after age 70½ in which the employee was
24	not receiving any benefits under the plan.

1	"(iv) Exception for govern-
2	MENTAL AND CHURCH PLANS.—Clauses
3	(ii) and (iii) shall not apply in the case of
4	a governmental plan or church plan. For
5	purposes of this clause, the term 'church
6	plan' means a plan maintained by a church
7	for church employees, and the term
8	'church' means any church (as defined in
9	section 3121(w)(3)(A)) or qualified church-
10	controlled organization (as defined in sec-
11	tion 3121(w)(3)(B))."
12	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
13	subsection (a) shall apply to years beginning after Decem-
14	ber 31, 1996.
15	SEC. 1206. SIMPLIFIED METHOD FOR TAXING ANNUITY DIS-
16	TRIBUTIONS UNDER CERTAIN EMPLOYER
17	PLANS.
18	(a) General Rule.—Subsection (d) of section 72
19	(relating to annuities; certain proceeds of endowment and
20	life insurance contracts) is amended to read as follows:
21	"(d) Special Rules for Qualified Employer
22	RETIREMENT PLANS.—
23	"(1) Simplified method of taxing annuity
24	PAYMENTS.—

1	"(A) In General.—In the case of any
2	amount received as an annuity under a quali-
3	fied employer retirement plan—
4	"(i) subsection (b) shall not apply,
5	and
6	"(ii) the investment in the contract
7	shall be recovered as provided in this para-
8	graph.
9	"(B) Method of recovering invest-
10	MENT IN CONTRACT.—
11	"(i) In General.—Gross income
12	shall not include so much of any monthly
13	annuity payment under a qualified em-
14	ployer retirement plan as does not exceed
15	the amount obtained by dividing—
16	"(I) the investment in the con-
17	tract (as of the annuity starting date),
18	by
19	"(II) the number of anticipated
20	payments determined under the table
21	contained in clause (iii) (or, in the
22	case of a contract to which subsection
23	(c)(3)(B) applies, the number of
24	monthly annuity payments under such
25	contract).

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1	"(ii) Certain rules made applica-
2	BLE.—Rules similar to the rules of para-
3	graphs (2) and (3) of subsection (b) shall
4	apply for purposes of this paragraph.
5	"(iii) Number of anticipated pay-
6	MENTS.—
	"If the age of the primary annuitant on the annuity starting date is: payments is: Not more than 55
7	"(C) Adjustment for refund feature
8	NOT APPLICABLE.—For purposes of this para-
9	graph, investment in the contract shall be de-
10	termined under subsection $(c)(1)$ without re-
11	gard to subsection $(c)(2)$.
12	"(D) Special rule where lump sum
13	PAID IN CONNECTION WITH COMMENCEMENT
14	OF ANNUITY PAYMENTS.—If, in connection with
15	the commencement of annuity payments under
16	any qualified employer retirement plan, the tax-
17	payer receives a lump sum payment—
18	"(i) such payment shall be taxable
19	under subsection (e) as if received before
20	the annuity starting date, and

1	"(ii) the investment in the contract
2	for purposes of this paragraph shall be de-
3	termined as if such payment had been so
4	received.
5	"(E) Exception.—This paragraph shall
6	not apply in any case where the primary annu-
7	itant has attained age 75 on the annuity start-
8	ing date unless there are fewer than 5 years of
9	guaranteed payments under the annuity.
10	"(F) Adjustment where annuity pay-
11	MENTS NOT ON MONTHLY BASIS.—In any case
12	where the annuity payments are not made on a
13	monthly basis, appropriate adjustments in the
14	application of this paragraph shall be made to
15	take into account the period on the basis of
16	which such payments are made.
17	"(G) QUALIFIED EMPLOYER RETIREMENT
18	PLAN.—For purposes of this paragraph, the
19	term 'qualified employer retirement plan' means
20	any plan or contract described in paragraph
21	(1), (2), or (3) of section 4974(c).
22	"(2) Treatment of employee contribu-
23	TIONS UNDER DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLANS.—
24	For purposes of this section, employee contributions

(and any income allocable thereto) under a defined

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1	contribution plan may be treated as a separate con-
2	tract."
3	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
4	this section shall apply in cases where the annuity starting
5	date is after December 31, 1996.
6	SEC. 1207. REPEAL OF 5-YEAR INCOME AVERAGING FOR
7	LUMP-SUM DISTRIBUTIONS.
8	(a) In General.—Subsection (d) of section 402 (re-
9	lating to taxability of beneficiary of employees' trust) is
10	amended to read as follows:
11	"(d) Taxability of Beneficiary of Certain
12	Foreign Situs Trusts.—For purposes of subsections
13	(a), (b), and (c), a stock bonus, pension, or profit-sharing
14	trust which would qualify for exemption from tax under
15	section 501(a) except for the fact that it is a trust created
16	or organized outside the United States shall be treated
17	as if it were a trust exempt from tax under section
18	501(a)."
19	(b) Conforming Amendments.—
20	(1) Subparagraph (D) of section $402(e)(4)$ (re-
21	lating to other rules applicable to exempt trusts) is
22	amended to read as follows:
23	"(D) Lump-sum distribution.—For pur-
24	poses of this paragraph—

1	"(i) In General.—The term 'lump
2	sum distribution' means the distribution or
3	payment within one taxable year of the re-
4	cipient of the balance to the credit of an
5	employee which becomes payable to the re-
6	cipient—
7	"(I) on account of the employee's
8	death,
9	"(II) after the employee attains
10	age $59\frac{1}{2}$,
11	"(III) on account of the employ-
12	ee's separation from service, or
13	"(IV) after the employee has be-
14	come disabled (within the meaning of
15	section $72(m)(7)$,
16	from a trust which forms a part of a plan
17	described in section 401(a) and which is
18	exempt from tax under section 501 or from
19	a plan described in section 403(a). Sub-
20	clause (III) of this clause shall be applied
21	only with respect to an individual who is
22	an employee without regard to section
23	401(c)(1), and subclause (IV) shall be ap-
24	plied only with respect to an employee
25	within the meaning of section $401(c)(1)$.

1 For purposes of this clause, a distribution 2 to two or more trusts shall be treated as 3 a distribution to one recipient. For purposes of this paragraph, the balance to the credit of the employee does not include the 6 accumulated deductible employee contribu-7 tions under the plan (within the meaning 8 of section 72(0)(5)). 9 "(ii) AGGREGATION OF **CERTAIN** 10 TRUSTS AND PLANS.—For purposes of de-11 termining the balance to the credit of an 12 employee under clause (i)— 13 "(I) all trusts which are part of 14 a plan shall be treated as a single 15 trust, all pension plans maintained by 16 the employer shall be treated as a sin-17 gle plan, all profit-sharing plans main-18 tained by the employer shall be treat-19 ed as a single plan, and all stock 20 bonus plans maintained by the em-21 ployer shall be treated as a single 22 plan, and 23 "(II) trusts which are not quali-24 fied trusts under section 401(a) and 25 annuity contracts which do not satisfy

1	the requirements of section 404(a)(2)
2	shall not be taken into account.
3	"(iii) Community property laws.—
4	The provisions of this paragraph shall be
5	applied without regard to community prop-
6	erty laws.
7	"(iv) Amounts subject to pen-
8	ALTY.—This paragraph shall not apply to
9	amounts described in subparagraph (A) of
10	section 72(m)(5) to the extent that section
11	72(m)(5) applies to such amounts.
12	"(v) Balance to credit of em-
13	PLOYEE NOT TO INCLUDE AMOUNTS PAY-
14	ABLE UNDER QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELA-
15	TIONS ORDER.—For purposes of this para-
16	graph, the balance to the credit of an em-
17	ployee shall not include any amount pay-
18	able to an alternate payee under a quali-
19	fied domestic relations order (within the
20	meaning of section 414(p)).
21	"(vi) Transfers to cost-of-living
22	ARRANGEMENT NOT TREATED AS DIS-
23	TRIBUTION.—For purposes of this para-
24	graph, the balance to the credit of an em-
25	ployee under a defined contribution plan

shall not include any amount transferred from such defined contribution plan to a qualified cost-of-living arrangement (within the meaning of section 415(k)(2)) under a defined benefit plan.

"(vii) Lump-sum distribution or payment of the balance to the credit of an employee would be treated as a lump-sum distribution, then, for purposes of this paragraph, the payment under a qualified domestic relations order (within the meaning of section 414(p)) of the balance to the credit of an alternate payee who is the spouse or former spouse of the employee shall be treated as a lump-sum distribution. For purposes of this clause, the balance to the credit of the alternate payee shall not include any amount payable to the employee."

(2) Section 402(c) (relating to rules applicable to rollovers from exempt trusts) is amended by striking paragraph (10).

1	(3) Paragraph (1) of section 55(c) (defining
2	regular tax) is amended by striking "shall not in-
3	clude any tax imposed by section 402(d) and".
4	(4) Paragraph (8) of section 62(a) (relating to
5	certain portion of lump-sum distributions from pen-
6	sion plans taxed under section 402(d)) is hereby re-
7	pealed.
8	(5) Section 401(a)(28)(B) (relating to coordina-
9	tion with distribution rules) is amended by striking
10	clause (v).
11	(6) Subparagraph (B)(ii) of section 401(k)(10)
12	(relating to distributions that must be lump-sum dis-
13	tributions) is amended to read as follows:
14	"(ii) Lump-sum distribution.—For
15	purposes of this subparagraph, the term
16	'lump-sum distribution' has the meaning
17	given such term by section $402(e)(4)(D)$,
18	without regard to subclauses (I), (II),
19	(III), and (IV) of clause (i) thereof."
20	(7) Section 406(c) (relating to termination of
21	status as deemed employee not to be treated as sep-
22	aration from service for purposes of limitation of
23	tax) is hereby repealed.
24	(8) Section 407(c) (relating to termination of
25	status as deemed employee not to be treated as sep-

1	aration from service for purposes of limitation of
2	tax) is hereby repealed.
3	(9) Section 691(c) (relating to deduction for es-
4	tate tax) is amended by striking paragraph (5).
5	(10) Paragraph (1) of section 871(b) (relating
6	to imposition of tax) is amended by striking "section
7	1, 55, or 402(d)(1)" and inserting "section 1 or
8	55".
9	(11) Subsection (b) of section 877 (relating to
10	alternative tax) is amended by striking "section 1,
11	55, or $402(d)(1)$ " and inserting "section 1 or 55 ".
12	(12) Section 4980A(c)(4) is amended—
13	(A) by striking "to which an election under
14	section 402(d)(4)(B) applies" and inserting
15	"(as defined in section $402(e)(4)(D)$) with re-
16	spect to which the individual elects to have this
17	paragraph apply",
18	(B) by adding at the end the following new
19	flush sentence:
20	"An individual may elect to have this paragraph
21	apply to only one lump-sum distribution.", and
22	(C) by striking the heading and inserting:
23	"(4) Special one-time election.—".
24	(13) Section 402(e) is amended by striking
25	paragraph (5).

- 1 (c) Effective Dates.— 2 (1) In General.—The amendments made by 3 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning 4 after December 31, 1998. 5 (2)RETENTION OF CERTAIN TRANSITION 6 RULES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of 7 this section, the amendments made by this section 8 shall not apply to any distribution for which the tax-9 payer elects the benefits of section 1122 (h)(3) or 10 (h)(5) of the Tax Reform Act of 1986. For purposes 11 of the preceding sentence, the rules of sections 12 402(c)(10) and 402(d) of the Internal Revenue Code 13 of 1986 (as in effect before the amendments made 14 by this Act) shall apply. 15 SEC. 1208. ELIMINATION OF HALF-YEAR REQUIREMENTS. 16 (a) In General.—Each of the following provisions are amended by striking "age 59½" and inserting "age 17 18 59": 19 (1) Section 72(q)(2)(A). 20 (2) Section 72(q)(3)(B)(i). 21 (3) Section 72(q)(3)(B)(ii).
- (5) Section 72(t)(4)(A)(ii)(I). 24 (6) Section 72(t)(4)(A)(ii)(II).

(4) Section 72(t)(2)(A)(i).

25 (7) Section 72(v)(2)(A).

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             (8) Section 401(k)(2)(B)(i)(III).
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             (9) Section 403(b)(7)(A)(ii).
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             (10) Section 403(b)(11)(A).
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             (11) The heading for section 403(b)(11).
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             (12) Section 4978(d)(1)(B).
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        (b) Other Provisions.—Each of the following pro-
   visions are amended by striking "age 70½" each place
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   it appears and inserting "age 70":
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             (1) Section 219(d)(1).
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             (2) The heading for section 219(d)(1).
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             (3) Section 401(a)(9)(B)(iv)(I).
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             (4) Section 401(a)(9)(C).
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             (5) Section 408(b).
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             (6) Section 457(d)(1)(A).
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        (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
   this section shall apply to years beginning after December
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   31, 1996.
   SEC. 1209. DISTRIBUTIONS UNDER RURAL COOPERATIVE
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                PLANS.
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        (a) Distributions for Hardship or After A
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   CERTAIN AGE.—Section 401(k)(7) is amended by adding
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   at the end the following new subparagraph:
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                 "(C) Special rule for certain dis-
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             TRIBUTIONS.—A rural cooperative plan which
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             includes a qualified cash or deferred arrange-
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1	ment shall not be treated as violating the re-
2	quirements of section 401(a) or of paragraph
3	(2) merely because, under the plan, distribu-
4	tions may be made by reason of hardship or the
5	attainment of age 59½. For purposes of this
6	section, the term 'hardship distribution' means
7	a distribution described in paragraph
8	(2)(B)(i)(IV) (without regard to the limitation
9	of its application to profit-sharing or stock
10	bonus plans)."
11	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
12	subsection (a) shall apply to distributions after the date
13	of the enactment of this Act.
14	SEC. 1210. MODIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL PARTICIPATION
	REQUIREMENTS.
15	REQUIREMEN 15.
15 16	(a) General Rule.—Section 401(a)(26)(A) (relat-
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16 17	(a) General Rule.—Section 401(a)(26)(A) (relat-
16 17	(a) General Rule.—Section 401(a)(26)(A) (relating to additional participation requirements) is amended
16 17 18	(a) General Rule.—Section 401(a)(26)(A) (relating to additional participation requirements) is amended to read as follows:
16 17 18 19	(a) General Rule.—Section 401(a)(26)(A) (relating to additional participation requirements) is amended to read as follows: "(A) In general.—In the case of a trust
16 17 18 19 20	(a) General Rule.—Section 401(a)(26)(A) (relating to additional participation requirements) is amended to read as follows: "(A) In general.—In the case of a trust which is a part of a defined benefit plan, such
116 117 118 119 220 221	(a) General Rule.—Section 401(a)(26)(A) (relating to additional participation requirements) is amended to read as follows: "(A) In General.—In the case of a trust which is a part of a defined benefit plan, such trust shall not constitute a qualified trust under
16 17 18 19 20 21 22	(a) General Rule.—Section 401(a)(26)(A) (relating to additional participation requirements) is amended to read as follows: "(A) In General.—In the case of a trust which is a part of a defined benefit plan, such trust shall not constitute a qualified trust under this subsection unless, on each day of the plan.

1	"(I) 40 percent of all employees
2	of the employer, or
3	"(II) 2 employees (or if there is
4	only 1 employee, such employee)."
5	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
6	this section shall apply to plan years beginning after De-
7	cember 31, 1996.
8	SEC. 1211. UNIFORM RETIREMENT AGE.
9	(a) Discrimination Testing.—Paragraph (5) of
10	section 401(a) (relating to special rules relating to non-
11	discrimination requirements) is amended by adding at the
12	end the following new subparagraph:
13	"(F) Social security retirement
14	AGE.—For purposes of testing for discrimina-
15	tion under paragraph (4)—
16	"(i) the social security retirement age
17	(as defined in section $415(b)(8)$) shall be
18	treated as a uniform retirement age, and
19	"(ii) subsidized early retirement bene-
20	fits and joint and survivor annuities shall
21	not be treated as being unavailable to em-
22	ployees on the same terms merely because
23	such benefits or annuities are based in
24	whole or in part on an employee's social
25	security retirement age (as so defined)."

- 1 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
- 2 this section shall apply to plan years beginning after De-
- 3 cember 31, 1996.
- 4 SEC. 1212. TREATMENT OF LEASED EMPLOYEES.
- 5 (a) GENERAL RULE.—Subparagraph (C) of section
- 6 414(n)(2) (defining leased employee) is amended to read
- 7 as follows:
- 8 "(C) such services are performed under
- 9 significant direction or control by the recipi-
- 10 ent."
- 11 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
- 12 subsection (a) shall apply to years beginning after Decem-
- 13 ber 31, 1996, but shall not apply to any relationship deter-
- 14 mined under an Internal Revenue Service ruling issued be-
- 15 fore the date of the enactment of this Act pursuant to
- 16 section 414(n)(2)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of
- 17 1986 (as in effect on the day before such date) not to
- 18 involve a leased employee.
- 19 SEC. 1213. FULL FUNDING LIMITATION FOR MULTIEM-
- 20 PLOYER PLANS.
- 21 (a) Full-Funding Limitation.—Section
- 22 412(e)(7)(C) (relating to full-funding limitation) is
- 23 amended—
- 24 (1) by inserting "or in the case of a multiem-
- ployer plan," after "paragraph (6)(B),", and

1	(2) by inserting "AND MULTIEMPLOYER PLANS"
2	after "PARAGRAPH (6)(B)" in the heading thereof.
3	(b) Valuation.—Section 412(c)(9) is amended—
4	(1) by inserting "(3 years in the case of a mul-
5	tiemployer plan)" after "year", and
6	(2) by striking "Annual Valuation" in the
7	heading and inserting "VALUATION".
8	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
9	this section shall apply to plan years beginning after De-
10	cember 31, 1996.
11	SEC. 1214. ELIMINATION OF PARTIAL TERMINATION RULES
12	FOR MULTIEMPLOYER PLANS.
13	(a) Partial Termination Rules for Multiem-
14	PLOYER PLANS.—Section 411(d)(3) is amended by adding
15	at the end the following new sentence: "This paragraph
16	shall not apply in the case of a partial termination of a
17	multiemployer plan."
18	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
19	this section shall apply to partial terminations beginning
20	after December 31, 1996.
21	SEC. 1215. ELECTIVE DEFERRALS UNDER SECTION 403(b).
22	(a) In General.—Subparagraph (E) of section
23	403(b)(1) is amended to read as follows:
24	"(E) in the case of a contract purchased
25	under a salary reduction agreement, the con-

1	tract meets the requirements of section
2	401(a)(30),''.
3	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
4	this section shall apply to years beginning after December
5	31, 1996.
6	SEC. 1216. UNIFORM PENALTY PROVISIONS TO APPLY TO
7	CERTAIN PENSION REPORTING REQUIRE-
8	MENTS.
9	(a) Penalties.—
10	(1) Statements.—Paragraph (1) of section
11	6724(d) is amended by striking "and" at the end of
12	subparagraph (A), by striking the period at the end
13	of subparagraph (B) and inserting ", and", and by
14	inserting after subparagraph (B) the following new
15	subparagraph:
16	"(C) any statement required to be made to
17	the Secretary under—
18	"(i) section 408(i) (relating to reports
19	with respect to individual retirement ac-
20	counts or annuities), or
21	"(ii) section 6047(d) (relating to re-
22	ports by employers, plan administrators,
23	etc.)."
24	(2) Reports.—Paragraph (2) of section
25	6724(d) is amended by striking "or" at the end of

1	subparagraph (S), by striking the period at the end
2	of subparagraph (T) and inserting a comma, and by
3	inserting after subparagraph (T) the following new
4	subparagraphs:
5	"(U) section 408(i) (relating to reports
6	with respect to individual retirement plans) to
7	any person other than the Secretary, or
8	"(V) section 6047(d) (relating to reports
9	by plan administrators) to any person other
10	than the Secretary."
11	(3) Penalties.—
12	(A) Section 6721(e)(2)(A) is amended by
13	striking "or $6050L$ " and inserting " $6050L$, or
14	408(i)".
15	(B) Section 6722(e)(1)(A) is amended by
16	striking "or 6050L(e)" and inserting
17	"6050L(c), or 408(i)".
18	(b) Modification of Reportable Designated
19	DISTRIBUTIONS.—
20	(1) Section 408.—Subsection (i) of section 408
21	(relating to individual retirement account reports) is
22	amended by inserting "aggregating \$10 or more in
23	any calendar year" after "distributions".
24	(2) Section 6047.—Paragraph (1) of section
25	6047(d) (relating to reports by employers, plan ad-

- ministrators, etc.) is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: "No return or report may be required under the preceding sentence with respect to distributions to any person during any year unless such distributions aggregate \$10 or more."
- 7 (c) Conforming Amendments.—
- 8 (1) Paragraph (1) of section 6047(f) is amend-9 ed to read as follows:
 - "(1) For provisions relating to penalties for failures to file returns and reports required under this section, see sections 6652(e), 6721, and 6722."
- 10 (2) Subsection (e) of section 6652 is amended 11 by adding at the end the following new sentence: 12 "This subsection shall not apply to any return or 13 statement which is an information return described 14 in section 6724(d)(1)(C)(ii) or a payee statement de-15 scribed in section 6724(d)(2)(V)."
 - (3) Subsection (a) of section 6693 is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: "This subsection shall not apply to any report which is an information return described in section 6724(d)(1)(C)(i) or a payee statement described in section 6724(d)(2)(U)."
- 22 (d) Effective Date.—The amendments made by 23 this section shall apply to returns, reports, and other

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- 1 statements the due date for which (determined without re-
- 2 gard to extensions) is after December 31, 1996.
- 3 SEC. 1217. TAX ON PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS.
- 4 (a) In General.—Section 4975(a) is amended by
- 5 striking "5 percent" and inserting "10 percent".
- 6 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
- 7 this section shall apply to prohibited transactions occur-
- 8 ring after the date of the enactment of this Act.
- 9 SEC. 1218. DATE FOR ADOPTION OF PLAN AMENDMENTS.
- 10 (a) In General.—If any amendment made by this
- 11 subtitle requires an amendment to any plan, such plan
- 12 amendment shall not be required to be made before the
- 13 last day of the first plan year beginning on or after Janu-
- 14 ary 1, 1998, if—
- 15 (1) during the period after such amendment
- 16 takes effect and before the last day of such first
- plan year, the plan is operated in accordance with
- 18 the requirements of such amendment, and
- 19 (2) such plan amendment applies retroactively
- to such period.
- 21 (b) GOVERNMENTAL PLANS.—In the case of a gov-
- 22 ernmental plan (as defined in section 414(d) of the Inter-
- 23 nal Revenue Code of 1986), subsection (a) shall be applied
- 24 by substituting for "January 1, 1998" the later of—
- 25 (1) January 1, 1999, or

1	(2) the date which is 90 days after the opening
2	of the first legislative session beginning after Janu-
3	ary 1, 1999, of the governing body with authority to
4	amend the plan, but only if such governing body
5	does not meet continuously.
6	Subtitle B-Expanded Individual
7	Retirement Accounts to In-
8	crease Coverage and Portability
9	CHAPTER 1—RETIREMENT SAVINGS
10	INCENTIVES
11	Subchapter A—IRA Deduction
12	SEC. 1301. INCREASE IN INCOME LIMITATIONS.
13	(a) In General.—Subparagraph (B) of section
14	219(g)(3) is amended—
15	(1) by striking "\$40,000" in clause (i) and in-
16	serting "\$80,000 (\$70,000 in the case of taxable
17	years beginning in 1996, 1997, or 1998)", and
18	(2) by striking "\$25,000" in clause (ii) and in-
19	serting "\$50,000 (\$45,000 in the case of taxable
20	years beginning in 1996, 1997, or 1998)".
21	(b) Phaseout of Limitations.—Clause (ii) of sec-
22	tion $219(g)(2)(A)$ is amended by striking "\$10,000" and
23	inserting "an amount equal to 10 times the dollar amount
24	applicable for the taxable year under subsection
25	(b)(1)(A)".

1	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
2	this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
3	December 31, 1995.
4	SEC. 1302. INFLATION ADJUSTMENT FOR DEDUCTIBLE
5	AMOUNT AND INCOME LIMITATIONS.
6	(a) In General.—Section 219 is amended by redes-
7	ignating subsection (h) as subsection (i) and by inserting
8	after subsection (g) the following new subsection:
9	"(h) Cost-of-Living Adjustments.—
10	"(1) DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNTS.—In the case of
11	any taxable year beginning in a calendar year after
12	1996, the \$2,000 amounts under subsections
13	(b)(1)(A) and (c)(2) shall be increased by an amount
14	equal to—
15	"(A) such dollar amount, multiplied by
16	"(B) the cost-of-living adjustment deter-
17	mined under section 1(f)(3) for the calendar
18	year in which the taxable year begins, deter-
19	mined by substituting 'calendar year 1995' for
20	'calendar year 1992' in subparagraph (B)
21	thereof.
22	"(2) APPLICABLE DOLLAR AMOUNT.—In the
23	case of any taxable year beginning in a calendar
24	year after 1999, the applicable dollar amounts under

1	subsection $(g)(3)(B)$ shall be increased by an
2	amount equal to—
3	"(A) such dollar amount, multiplied by
4	"(B) the cost-of-living adjustment deter-
5	mined under section $1(f)(3)$ for the calendar
6	year in which the taxable year begins, deter-
7	mined by substituting 'calendar year 1998' for
8	'calendar year 1992' in subparagraph (B)
9	thereof.
10	"(3) Rounding rules.—
11	"(A) Deduction amounts.—If any
12	amount after adjustment under paragraph (1)
13	is not a multiple of \$500, such amount shall be
14	rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$500.
15	"(B) Applicable dollar amounts.—If
16	any amount after adjustment under paragraph
17	(2) is not a multiple of \$5,000, such amount
18	shall be rounded to the next lowest multiple of
19	\$5,000."
20	(b) Conforming Amendments.—
21	(1) Clause (i) of section $219(c)(2)(A)$ is amend-
22	ed to read as follows:
23	"(i) the sum of \$250 and the dollar
24	amount in effect for the taxable year under
25	subsection $(b)(1)(A)$, or".

1	(2) Section 408(a)(1) is amended by striking
2	"in excess of \$2,000 on behalf of any individual"
3	and inserting "on behalf of any individual in excess
4	of the amount in effect for such taxable year under
5	section 219(b)(1)(A)".
6	(3) Section 408(b)(2)(B) is amended by strik-
7	ing "\$2,000" and inserting "the dollar amount in
8	effect under section 219(b)(1)(A)".
9	(4) Subparagraph (A) of section 408(d)(5) is
10	amended by striking "\$2,250" and inserting "the
11	dollar amount in effect for the taxable year under
12	section 219(c)(2)(A)(i)".
13	(5) Section 408(j) is amended by striking
14	"\$2,000".
15	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
16	this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
17	December 31, 1995.
18	SEC. 1303. COORDINATION OF IRA DEDUCTION LIMIT WITH
19	ELECTIVE DEFERRAL LIMIT.
20	(a) In General.—Section 219(b) (relating to maxi-
21	mum amount of deduction) is amended by adding at the

"(4) Coordination with elective defer-

end the following new paragraph:

1	individual for any taxable year shall not exceed the
2	excess (if any) of—
3	"(A) the limitation applicable for the tax-
4	able year under section 402(g)(1), over
5	"(B) the elective deferrals (as defined in
6	section $402(g)(3)$) of such individual for such
7	taxable year."
8	(b) Conforming Amendment.—Section 219(c) is
9	amended by adding at the end the following new para-
10	graph:
11	"(3) Cross reference.—
	"For reduction in paragraph (2) amount, see subsection $(b)(4)$."
12	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
13	this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
14	December 31, 1995.
15	Subchapter B—Nondeductible Tax-Free IRAs
16	SEC. 1311. ESTABLISHMENT OF NONDEDUCTIBLE TAX-FREE
17	INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS.
18	(a) In General.—Subpart A of part I of subchapter
19	D of chapter 1 (relating to pension, profit-sharing, stock
20	bonus plans, etc.) is amended by inserting after section
21	408 the following new section:
22	"SEC. 408A. SPECIAL INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS.
23	"(a) General Rule.—Except as provided in this
24	chapter, a special individual retirement account shall be

1	treated for purposes of this title in the same manner as
2	an individual retirement plan.
3	"(b) Special Individual Retirement Ac-
4	COUNT.—For purposes of this title, the term 'special indi-
5	vidual retirement account' means an individual retirement
6	plan which is designated at the time of establishment of
7	the plan as a special individual retirement account.
8	"(c) Treatment of Contributions.—
9	"(1) No deduction allowed.—No deduction
10	shall be allowed under section 219 for a contribution
11	to a special individual retirement account.
12	"(2) Contribution Limit.—The aggregate
13	amount of contributions for any taxable year to all
14	special individual retirement accounts maintained for
15	the benefit of an individual shall not exceed the ex-
16	cess (if any) of—
17	"(A) the maximum amount allowable as a
18	deduction under section 219 with respect to
19	such individual for such taxable year, over
20	"(B) the aggregate amount of contribu-
21	tions for such taxable year to all individual re-
22	tirement plans (other than special individual re-
23	tirement accounts) maintained for the benefit of
24	the individual.

1	"(3) Special rules for qualified trans-
2	FERS.—
3	"(A) In general.—No rollover contribu-
4	tion may be made to a special individual retire-
5	ment account unless it is a qualified transfer.
6	"(B) LIMIT NOT TO APPLY.—The limita-
7	tion under paragraph (2) shall not apply to a
8	qualified transfer to a special individual retire-
9	ment account.
10	"(d) Tax Treatment of Distributions.—
11	"(1) In general.—Except as provided in this
12	subsection, any amount paid or distributed out of a
13	special individual retirement account shall not be in-
14	cluded in the gross income of the distributee.
15	"(2) Exception for earnings on contribu-
16	TIONS HELD LESS THAN 5 YEARS.—
17	"(A) IN GENERAL.—Any amount distrib-
18	uted out of a special individual retirement ac-
19	count which consists of earnings allocable to
20	contributions made to the account during the 5-
21	year period ending on the day before such dis-
22	tribution shall be included in the gross income
23	of the distributee for the taxable year in which
24	the distribution occurs.
25	"(B) Ordering rule.—

1	"(i) First-in, first-out rule.—
2	Distributions from a special individual re-
3	tirement account shall be treated as having
4	been made—
5	"(I) first from the earliest con-
6	tribution (and earnings allocable
7	thereto) remaining in the account at
8	the time of the distribution, and
9	"(II) then from other contribu-
10	tions (and earnings allocable thereto)
11	in the order in which made.
12	"(ii) Allocations between con-
13	TRIBUTIONS AND EARNINGS.—Any portion
14	of a distribution allocated to a contribution
15	(and earnings allocable thereto) shall be
16	treated as allocated first to the earnings
17	and then to the contribution.
18	"(iii) Allocation of Earnings.—
19	Earnings shall be allocated to a contribu-
20	tion in such manner as the Secretary may
21	prescribe.
22	"(iv) Aggregations of contribu-
23	TIONS.—Except as provided by the Sec-
24	retary, for purposes of this subpara-
25	graph—

1	"(I) all contributions made dur-
2	ing the same taxable year may be
3	treated as 1 contribution, and
4	"(II) all contributions made be-
5	fore the first day of the 5-year period
6	ending on the day before any distribu-
7	tion may be treated as 1 contribution.
8	"(C) Cross reference.—
	"For additional tax for early withdrawal, see section $72(t)$.
9	"(3) Qualified transfer.—
10	"(A) In General.—Paragraph (2) shall
11	not apply to any distribution which is trans-
12	ferred in a qualified transfer to another special
13	individual retirement account.
14	"(B) Contribution Period.—For pur-
15	poses of paragraph (2), the special individual
16	retirement account to which any contributions
17	are transferred shall be treated as having held
18	such contributions during any period such con-
19	tributions were held (or are treated as held
20	under this subparagraph) by the special individ-
21	ual retirement account from which transferred.
22	"(4) Special rules relating to certain
23	TRANSFERS.—

1	"(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
2	other provision of law, in the case of a qualified
3	transfer to a special individual retirement ac-
4	count from an individual retirement plan which
5	is not a special individual retirement account—
6	"(i) there shall be included in gross
7	income any amount which, but for the
8	qualified transfer, would be includible in
9	gross income, but
10	"(ii) section 72(t) shall not apply to
11	such amount.
12	"(B) Time for inclusion.—In the case
13	of any qualified transfer which occurs before
14	January 1, 1998, any amount includible in
15	gross income under subparagraph (A) with re-
16	spect to such contribution shall be includible
17	ratably over the 4-taxable year period beginning
18	in the taxable year in which the amount was
19	paid or distributed out of the individual retire-
20	ment plan. The amount of such qualified trans-
21	fer taken into account for purposes of section
22	4980A(c) shall be taken into account ratably
23	over such period.
24	"(C) Additional reporting.—A trustee
25	of an individual retirement plan shall include

1	such additional information in any report re-
2	quired under section 408(i) as the Secretary
3	may require to insure that amounts described
4	in subparagraph (B) are included in gross in-
5	come for the appropriate taxable year.
6	"(e) Qualified Transfer.—For purposes of this
7	section—
8	"(1) In general.—The term 'qualified trans-
9	fer' means a transfer to a special individual retire-
10	ment account from another such account or from an
11	individual retirement plan but only if such transfer
12	meets the requirements of section 408(d)(3).
13	"(2) Limitation.—
14	"(A) IN GENERAL.—A transfer otherwise
15	described in paragraph (1) shall not be treated
16	as a qualified transfer if the taxpayer's adjusted
17	gross income for the taxable year of the trans-
18	fer exceeds the sum of—
19	"(i) the applicable dollar amount, plus
20	"(ii) the dollar amount applicable for
21	the taxable year under section
22	219(g)(2)(A)(ii).
23	This subparagraph shall not apply to a transfer
24	from a special individual retirement account to
25	another special individual retirement account.

1	"(B) Transition rule.—In the case of ϵ
2	transfer before January 1, 1999, the dollar lim-
3	itation under subparagraph (A) shall be
4	\$100,000 in the case of a married individual fil-
5	ing a joint return, zero in the case of a married
6	individual filing a separate return, and \$70,000
7	in any other case.
8	"(3) Definitions.—For purposes of this sub-
9	section, the terms 'adjusted gross income' and 'ap-
10	plicable dollar amount' have the meanings given
11	such terms by section 219(g)(3), except that ad-
12	justed gross income shall be determined by taking
13	into account the deduction under section 219 and
14	not taking into account any transfer to which para-
15	graph (2) applies."
16	(b) Additional Tax on Early Distributions.—
17	Section 72(t) is amended by adding at the end the follow-
18	ing new paragraph:
19	"(6) Rules relating to special individual
20	RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS.—In the case of a special
21	individual retirement account under section 408A—
22	"(A) this subsection shall only apply to
23	distributions out of such account which consist
24	of earnings allocable to contributions made to

- 1 the account during the 5-year period ending on 2 the day before such distribution, and "(B) paragraph (2)(A)(i) shall not apply to 3 4 any distribution described in subparagraph (A)."5 (c) Excess Contributions.—Section 4973(b) is 6 7 amended— (1) by inserting ", or a qualified transfer de-8 scribed in section 408A(e)" after "408(d)(3)" in 9 10 paragraph (1)(A), and 11 (2) by adding at the end the following new sen-12 tence: "For purposes of paragraphs (1)(B) and 13 (2)(C), the amount allowable as a deduction under 14 section 219 shall be computed without regard to sec-15 tion 408A." 16 (d) Reporting.—Section 408(i) is amended by striking "under regulations" and "in such regulations" each place such terms appear. 18 19 (e) Conforming Amendment.—The table of sections for subpart A of part I of subchapter D of chapter 21 1 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 408 the following new item: "Sec. 408A. Special individual retirement accounts." 23 (f) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
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CHAPTER 2—DISTRIBUTIONS AND 1 2 **INVESTMENTS** SEC. 1321. DISTRIBUTIONS FROM IRAS MAY BE USED WITH-4 OUT ADDITIONAL TAX TO PURCHASE FIRST 5 HOMES, TO PAY HIGHER EDUCATION OR FI-6 **NANCIALLY** DEVASTATING MEDICAL 7 PENSES, OR BY THE UNEMPLOYED. 8 (a) In General.—Paragraph (2) of section 72(t) (relating to exceptions to 10-percent additional tax on 10 early distributions from qualified retirement plans) is amended by adding at the end the following new subpara-12 graph: 13 "(D) DISTRIBUTIONS FROM CERTAIN 14 PLANS FOR FIRST HOME PURCHASES OR EDU-15 CATIONAL EXPENSES.—Distributions to an in-16 dividual from an individual retirement plan— 17 "(i) which are qualified first-time 18 homebuyer distributions (as defined in 19 paragraph (7)); or 20 "(ii) to the extent such distributions 21 do not exceed the qualified higher edu-22 cation expenses (as defined in paragraph 23 (8)) of the taxpayer for the taxable year." 24 (b) FINANCIALLY DEVASTATING Medical 25 Penses.—

1	(1) In General.—Section $72(t)(3)(A)$ is
2	amended by striking "(B),".
3	(2) CERTAIN LINEAL DESCENDANTS AND AN-
4	CESTORS TREATED AS DEPENDENTS AND LONG-
5	TERM CARE SERVICES TREATED AS MEDICAL
6	CARE.—Subparagraph (B) of section 72(t)(2) is
7	amended by striking "medical care" and all that fol-
8	lows and inserting "medical care determined—
9	"(i) without regard to whether the
10	employee itemizes deductions for such tax-
11	able year, and
12	"(ii) in the case of an individual re-
13	tirement plan—
14	"(I) by treating such employee's
15	dependents as including all children,
16	grandchildren, and ancestors of the
17	employee or such employee's spouse
18	and
19	"(II) by treating qualified long-
20	term care services (as defined in para-
21	graph (9)) as medical care for pur-
22	poses of this subparagraph."
23	(3) Conforming amendment.—Subparagraph
24	(B) of section $72(t)(2)$ is amended by striking "or
25	(C)" and inserting ", (C), or (D)".

(c) DEFINITIONS.—Section 72(t), as amended by this 1 2 Act, is amended by adding at the end the following new 3 paragraphs: "(7) QUALIFIED FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER DIS-4 5 TRIBUTIONS.—For of paragraph purposes 6 (2)(D)(i)— "(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'qualified 7 first-time homebuyer distribution' means any 8 9 payment or distribution received by an individ-10 ual to the extent such payment or distribution 11 is used by the individual before the close of the 12 60th day after the day on which such payment 13 or distribution is received to pay qualified ac-14 quisition costs with respect to a principal resi-15 dence of a first-time homebuyer who is such individual or the spouse, child (as defined in sec-16 17 tion 151(c)(3)), or grandchild of such individ-18 ual.

"(B) QUALIFIED ACQUISITION COSTS.—
For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'qualified acquisition costs' means the costs of acquiring, constructing, or reconstructing a residence. Such term includes any usual or reasonable settlement, financing, or other closing costs.

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1	"(C) First-time homebuyer; other
2	DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this para-
3	graph—
4	"(i) First-time homebuyer.—The
5	term 'first-time homebuyer' means any in-
6	dividual if—
7	"(I) such individual (and if mar-
8	ried, such individual's spouse) had no
9	present ownership interest in a prin-
10	cipal residence during the 3-year pe-
11	riod ending on the date of acquisition
12	of the principal residence to which
13	this paragraph applies, and
14	"(II) subsection (h) or (k) of sec-
15	tion 1034 did not suspend the run-
16	ning of any period of time specified in
17	section 1034 with respect to such in-
18	dividual on the day before the date
19	the distribution is applied pursuant to
20	subparagraph (A).
21	In the case of an individual described in
22	section 143(i)(1)(C) for any year, an own-
23	ership interest shall not include any inter-
24	est under a contract of deed described in
25	such section. An individual who loses an

1	ownership interest in a principal residence
2	incident to a divorce or legal separation is
3	deemed for purposes of this subparagraph
4	to have had no ownership interest in such
5	principal residence within the period re-
6	ferred to in subclause (II).
7	"(ii) Principal residence.—The
8	term 'principal residence' has the same
9	meaning as when used in section 1034.
10	"(iii) Date of acquisition.—The
11	term 'date of acquisition' means the date—
12	"(I) on which a binding contract
13	to acquire the principal residence to
14	which subparagraph (A) applies is en-
15	tered into, or
16	"(II) on which construction or re-
17	construction of such a principal resi-
18	dence is commenced.
19	"(D) SPECIAL RULE WHERE DELAY IN AC-
20	QUISITION.—Any portion of any distribution
21	from any individual retirement plan which fails
22	to meet the requirements of subparagraph (A)
23	solely by reason of a delay or cancellation of the
24	purchase or construction of the residence may
25	be contributed to an individual retirement plan

1	as provided in section $408(d)(3)(A)(i)$ (deter-
2	mined by substituting '120 days' for '60 days'
3	in such section), except that—
4	"(i) section 408(d)(3)(B) shall not be
5	applied to such portion, and
6	"(ii) such portion shall not be taken
7	into account in determining whether sec-
8	tion 408(d)(3)(B) applies to any other
9	amount.
10	"(8) Qualified Higher Education ex-
11	PENSES.—For purposes of paragraph (2)(D)(ii)—
12	"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'qualified
13	higher education expenses' means tuition and
14	fees required for the enrollment or attendance
15	of—
16	"(i) the taxpayer,
17	"(ii) the taxpayer's spouse,
18	"(iii) a dependent of the taxpayer
19	with respect to whom the taxpayer is al-
20	lowed a deduction under section 151, or
21	"(iv) the taxpayer's child (as defined
22	in section 151(c)(3)) or grandchild,
23	as an eligible student at an institution of higher
24	education.

1	"(B) Exceptions.—The term 'qualified
2	higher education expenses' does not include—
3	"(i) expenses with respect to any
4	course or other education involving sports,
5	games, or hobbies, unless such expenses—
6	"(I) are part of a degree pro-
7	gram, or
8	"(II) are deductible under this
9	chapter without regard to this section;
10	or
11	"(ii) any student activity fees, athletic
12	fees, insurance expenses, or other expenses
13	unrelated to a student's academic course of
14	instruction.
15	"(C) Coordination with savings bond
16	PROVISIONS.—The amount of qualified higher
17	education expenses for any taxable year shall be
18	reduced by any amount excludable from gross
19	income under section 135.
20	"(D) ELIGIBLE STUDENT.—For purposes
21	of subparagraph (A), the term 'eligible student'
22	means a student who—
23	"(i) meets the requirements of section
24	484(a)(1) of the Higher Education Act of
25	1965 (20 U.S.C. 1091(a)(1)), as in effect

on the date of the enactment of this	sec-
2 tion, and	
3 "(ii)(I) is carrying at least one-	half
4 the normal full-time work load for	the
5 course of study the student is pursuing	, as
6 determined by the institution of high	her
7 education, or	
8 "(II) is enrolled in a course which	en-
9 ables the student to improve the stude	nt's
job skills or to acquire new job skills.	
11 "(E) Institution of higher e	DU-
12 CATION.—The term 'institution of higher e	du-
cation' means an institution which—	
14 "(i) is described in section 481 of	the
Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S	S.C.
16 1088), as in effect on the date of the	en-
actment of this section, and	
18 "(ii) is eligible to participate in p	oro-
19 grams under title IV of such Act.	
"(9) Qualified long-term care services	3.—
For purposes of paragraph (2)(B)—	
22 "(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'quali	fied
long-term care services' means necessary d	iag-
nostic, curing, mitigating, treating, prevent	ive,
25 therapeutic, and rehabilitative services,	and

1	maintenance and personal care services (wheth-
2	er performed in a residential or nonresidential
3	setting) which—
4	"(i) are required by an individual dur-
5	ing any period the individual is an inca-
6	pacitated individual (as defined in subpara-
7	graph (B)),
8	"(ii) have as their primary purpose—
9	"(I) the provision of needed as-
10	sistance with 1 or more activities of
11	daily living (as defined in subpara-
12	graph (C)), or
13	"(II) protection from threats to
14	health and safety due to severe cog-
15	nitive impairment, and
16	"(iii) are provided pursuant to a con-
17	tinuing plan of care prescribed by a li-
18	censed professional (as defined in subpara-
19	graph (D)).
20	"(B) Incapacitated individual.—The
21	term 'incapacitated individual' means any indi-
22	vidual who—
23	"(i) is unable to perform, without sub-
24	stantial assistance from another individual
25	(including assistance involving cueing or

1	substantial supervision), at least 2 activi-
2	ties of daily living as defined in subpara-
3	graph (C), or
4	"(ii) has severe cognitive impairment
5	as defined by the Secretary in consultation
6	with the Secretary of Health and Human
7	Services.
8	Such term shall not include any individual oth-
9	erwise meeting the requirements of the preced-
10	ing sentence unless, within the preceding 12-
11	month period, a licensed professional has cer-
12	tified that such individual meets such require-
13	ments.
14	"(C) ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING.—Each
15	of the following is an activity of daily living:
16	"(i) Eating.
17	"(ii) Toileting.
18	"(iii) Transferring.
19	"(iv) Bathing.
20	"(v) Dressing.
21	"(D) LICENSED PROFESSIONAL.—The
22	term 'licensed professional' means—
23	"(i) a physician or registered profes-
24	sional nurse, or

1	"(ii) any other individual who meets
2	such requirements as may be prescribed by
3	the Secretary after consultation with the
4	Secretary of Health and Human Services.
5	"(E) CERTAIN SERVICES NOT IN-
6	CLUDED.—The term 'qualified long-term care
7	services' shall not include any services provided
8	to an individual—
9	"(i) by a relative (directly or through
10	a partnership, corporation, or other entity)
11	unless the relative is a licensed professional
12	with respect to such services, or
13	"(ii) by a corporation or partnership
14	which is related (within the meaning of
15	section 267(b) or 707(b)) to the individual.
16	For purposes of this subparagraph, the term
17	'relative' means an individual bearing a rela-
18	tionship to the individual which is described in
19	paragraphs (1) through (8) of section 152(a)."
20	(d) Distributions for Certain Unemployed In-
21	DIVIDUALS.—Paragraph (2) of section 72(t) is amended
22	by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:
23	"(E) Distributions to unemployed in-
24	DIVIDUALS.—A distribution from an individual

1	retirement plan to an individual after separa-
2	tion from employment, if—
3	"(i) such individual has received un-
4	employment compensation for 12 consecu-
5	tive weeks under any Federal or State un-
6	employment compensation law by reason of
7	such separation, and
8	"(ii) such distributions are made dur-
9	ing any taxable year during which such un-
10	employment compensation is paid or the
11	succeeding taxable year."
12	(e) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
13	this section shall apply to payments and distributions after
14	December 31, 1995.
15	SEC. 1322. CONTRIBUTIONS MUST BE HELD AT LEAST 5
16	YEARS IN CERTAIN CASES.
17	(a) In General.—Section 72(t), as amended by this
18	Act, is amended by adding at the end the following new
19	paragraph:
20	"(10) CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS MUST BE HELD
21	5 YEARS.—
22	"(A) In General.—Paragraph (2)(A)(i)
23	shall not apply to any amount distributed out
24	of an individual retirement plan (other than a
25	special individual retirement account) which is

1	allocable to contributions made to the plan dur-
2	ing the 5-year period ending on the date of
3	such distribution (and earnings on such con-
4	tributions).
5	"(B) Ordering rule.—For purposes of
6	this paragraph—
7	"(i) First-in, first-out rule.—
8	Distributions shall be treated as having
9	been made—
10	"(I) first from the earliest con-
11	tribution (and earnings allocable
12	thereto) remaining in the account at
13	the time of the distribution, and
14	"(II) then from other contribu-
15	tions (and earnings allocable thereto)
16	in the order in which made.
17	"(ii) Allocation of Earnings.—
18	Earnings shall be allocated to contribu-
19	tions in such manner as the Secretary may
20	prescribe.
21	"(iii) Aggregations of contribu-
22	TIONS.—Except as provided by the Sec-
23	retary, for purposes of this subpara-
24	graph —

1	"(I) all contributions made dur-
2	ing the same taxable year may be
3	treated as 1 contribution, and
4	"(II) all contributions made be-
5	fore the first day of the 5-year period
6	ending on the day before any distribu-
7	tion may be treated as 1 contribution.
8	"(C) Special rule for rollovers.—
9	"(i) Pension Plans.—Subparagraph
10	(A) shall not apply to distributions out of
11	an individual retirement plan which are al-
12	locable to rollover contributions to which
13	section 402(c), 403(a)(4), or 403(b)(8) ap-
14	plied.
15	"(ii) Contribution period.—For
16	purposes of subparagraph (A), amounts
17	shall be treated as having been held by a
18	plan during any period such contributions
19	were held (or are treated as held under
20	this clause) by any individual retirement
21	plan from which transferred.
22	"(D) Special accounts.—For rules ap-
23	plicable to special individual retirement ac-
24	counts under section 408A, see paragraph (8)."

1	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
2	this section shall apply to contributions (and earnings allo-
3	cable thereto) which are made after December 31, 1995.
4	SEC. 1323. INVESTMENTS IN QUALIFIED STATE PREPAID
5	TUITION PROGRAMS.
6	(a) In General.—Section 408, as amended by sec-
7	tion 1101, is amended by redesignating subsection (q) as
8	subsection (r) and by inserting after subsection (p) the
9	following new subsection:
10	"(q) Special Rules for Qualified State Pre-
11	PAID TUITION PROGRAM INSTRUMENTS.—
12	"(1) In general.—In the case of a qualified
13	State prepaid tuition program instrument to which
14	this subsection applies—
15	"(A) the use of all or part of the assets of
16	an individual retirement plan to purchase such
17	an instrument shall be treated for purposes of
18	this section as for the exclusive benefit of the
19	individual for whom the plan was established or
20	the individual's beneficiaries, and
21	"(B) to the extent such instrument is con-
22	verted into tuition and fees as provided in para-
23	graph (3)(B)(i), such individual (or such bene-
24	ficiaries) shall be treated—

1	"(i) for purposes of subsection (d) as
2	having received a distribution in an
3	amount equal to such tuition and fees (as
4	of the time of the conversion), and
5	"(ii) for purposes of section
6	72(t)(2)(D)(ii), as having incurred quali-
7	fied higher education expenses to the ex-
8	tent such tuition and fees otherwise con-
9	stitute such expenses.
10	"(2) Instruments to which subsection ap-
11	PLIES.—To the extent provided by the Secretary,
12	this subsection shall apply to any qualified State
13	prepaid tuition program instrument if—
14	"(A) the instrument is purchased by the
15	individual retirement plan directly from the
16	State or an instrumentality thereof, and
17	"(B) the beneficiary designated under the
18	instrument is the taxpayer, the taxpayer's
19	spouse, a dependent of the taxpayer with re-
20	spect to whom the taxpayer is allowed a deduc-
21	tion under section 151, or the taxpayer's child
22	(as defined in section 151(c)(3)) or grandchild.
23	"(3) Qualified state prepaid tuition pro-
24	GRAM INSTRUMENT.—For purposes of this sub-

1	section, the term 'qualified State prepaid tuition pro-
2	gram instrument' means an instrument which—
3	"(A) is issued under a program established
4	and maintained by a State, and
5	"(B) which may only be—
6	"(i) converted into a percentage (de-
7	termined as of the time of purchase) of
8	tuition and fees which would constitute
9	qualified higher education expenses (within
10	the meaning of section $72(t)(8)$) if the ben-
11	eficiary designated under the instrument
12	enrolls in or attends an institution of high-
13	er education specified in the instrument as
14	an eligible student, or
15	"(ii) redeemed for an amount not less
16	than the purchase price (less any reason-
17	able administrative fees) if the instrument
18	is not converted as provided in clause (i)
19	"(4) Definitions.—For purposes of this sub-
20	section, the terms 'institution of higher education
21	and 'eligible student' have the meanings given such
22	terms by section $72(t)(8)$."
23	(b) Exemption From Prohibited Trans-
24	ACTIONS.—Section 4975(d) is amended by striking "or"
25	at the end of paragraph (14), by striking the period at

- 1 the end of paragraph (15) and inserting "; or", and by
- 2 inserting after paragraph (15) the following new para-
- 3 graph:
- 4 "(16) any purchase of a qualified State prepaid
- 5 tuition program instrument to which section 408(q)
- 6 applies."
- 7 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 8 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
- 9 December 31, 1995.

10 CHAPTER 3—TERMINATION OF CERTAIN

11 **PROVISIONS**

- 12 SEC. 1331. TERMINATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.
- 13 (a) Termination of Inflation Adjustment for
- 14 IRA LIMITATIONS.—The dollar amounts applicable under
- 15 section 219 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall
- 16 be determined without regard to subsection (h) of such
- 17 section in the case of taxable years beginning after Decem-
- 18 ber 31, 2000.
- 19 (b) Termination of Contributions to Special
- 20 Individual Retirement Accounts.—No contribution
- 21 may be made after December 31, 2000, to any special in-
- 22 dividual retirement account (within the meaning of section
- 23 408A of such Code).
- 24 (c) Termination of Transfers to Special Indi-
- 25 VIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS FROM REGULAR INDI-

- 1 VIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS.—For purposes of sec-
- 2 tion 408A of such Code, the term "qualified transfer"
- 3 shall not include any transfer after December 31, 2000,
- 4 to a special individual retirement account from any ac-
- 5 count other than a special individual retirement account.
- 6 (d) Application of Early Withdrawal Tax.—
- 7 The amendments made by the following provisions shall
- 8 not apply to any distribution after December 31, 2000:
- 9 (1) Section 1311(b) (relating to exception for
- distributions from special individual retirement ac-
- 11 counts allocable to contributions held at least 5
- 12 years).
- 13 (2) Section 1321 (relating to distributions from
- 14 IRAs may be used without additional tax to pur-
- chase first homes, to pay higher education or finan-
- cially devastating medical expenses, or by the unem-
- ployed).
- 18 (3) Section 1322 (relating to exception for dis-
- tributions allocable to contributions held at least 5
- years).
- 21 (e) Termination of Increases in Certain Limi-
- 22 Tations.—The amendments made by the following provi-
- 23 sions shall not apply to any taxable year beginning after
- 24 December 31, 2000:

1	(1) Section 1301 (relating to increase in income
2	limitations for individual retirement plans).
3	(2) Section 1303 (relating to coordination of
4	IRA deduction limit with elective deferral limit).
5	Subtitle C—Other Expansions of
6	Pension Portability
7	SEC. 1401. ALTERNATIVE NONDISCRIMINATION RULES FOR
8	CERTAIN PLANS THAT PROVIDE FOR EARLY
9	PARTICIPATION.
10	(a) Cash or Deferred Arrangements.—Para-
11	graph (3) of section 401(k) (relating to application of par-
12	ticipation and discrimination standards), as amended by
13	section 1103(d), is amended by adding at the end the fol-
14	lowing new subparagraph:
15	"(F) Special rule for early partici-
16	PATION.—If an employer elects to apply section
17	410(b)(4)(B) in determining whether a cash or
18	deferred arrangement meets the requirements
19	of subparagraph (A)(i), the employer may, in
20	determining whether the arrangement meets the
21	requirements of subparagraph (A)(ii), exclude
22	from consideration all eligible employees (other
23	than highly compensated employees) who have
24	not met the minimum age and service require-
25	ments of section 410(a)(1)(A)."

1	(b) Matching Contributions.—Paragraph (5) of
2	section 401(m) (relating to employees taken into consider-
3	ation) is amended by adding at the end the following new
4	subparagraph:
5	"(C) Special rule for early partici-
6	PATION.—If an employer elects to apply section
7	410(b)(4)(B) in determining whether a plan
8	meets the requirements of section 410(b), the
9	employer may, in determining whether the plan
10	meets the requirements of paragraph (2), ex-
11	clude from consideration all eligible employees
12	(other than highly compensated employees) who
13	have not met the minimum age and service re-
14	quirements of section 410(a)(1)(A)."
15	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
16	this section shall apply to plan years beginning after De-
17	cember 31, 1996.
18	SEC. 1402. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN VETERANS' REEM-
19	PLOYMENT RIGHTS.
20	(a) In General.—Section 414 is amended by adding
21	at the end the following new subsection:
22	"(u) Special Rules Relating to Veterans' Re-
23	EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS UNDER USSERA.—
24	"(1) Treatment of Certain Contributions
25	MADE PURSUANT TO VETERANS' REEMPLOYMENT

1 RIGHTS UNDER USERRA.—If any contribution is 2 made by an employer or an employee under an indi-3 vidual account plan with respect to an employee, or 4 by an employee to a defined benefit plan that pro-5 vides for employee contributions, and such contribu-6 tion is required by reason of such employee's rights 7 under chapter 43 of title 38. United States Code, re-8 sulting from qualified military service, then— 9 "(A) such contribution shall not be subject 10 to any otherwise applicable limitation contained 11 in section 402(g), 402(h), 403(b), 404(a), 12 404(h), 408, 415, or 457, and shall not be 13 taken into account in applying such limitations 14 to other contributions or benefits under such 15 plan or any other plan, with respect to the year 16 in which the contribution is made, 17 "(B) such contribution shall be subject to 18 the limitations referred to in subparagraph (A) 19 with respect to the year to which the contribu-20 tion relates (in accordance with rules prescribed 21 by the Secretary), and 22 "(C) such plan shall not be treated as fail-23 ing to meet the requirements of section 24 401(a)(4), 401(a)(26), 401(k)(3), 401(k)(11), 25 401(m), 403(b)(12), 408(k)(3). 408(k)(6),

1	408(p), 410(b), or 416 by reason of the making
2	of (or the right to make) such contribution.
3	For purposes of the preceding sentence, any elective
4	deferral or employee contribution made under para-
5	graph (2) shall be treated as required by reason of
6	the employee's rights under such chapter 43.
7	"(2) Reemployment rights under userra
8	WITH RESPECT TO ELECTIVE DEFERRALS.—
9	"(A) In general.—For purposes of this
10	subchapter and section 457, if an employee is
11	entitled to the benefits of chapter 43 of title 38,
12	United States Code, with respect to any plan
13	which provides for elective deferrals, the em-
14	ployer sponsoring the plan shall be treated as
15	meeting the requirements of such chapter 43
16	with respect to such elective deferrals only if
17	such employer—
18	"(i) permits such employee to make
19	additional elective deferrals under such
20	plan (in the amount determined under sub-
21	paragraph (B) or such lesser amount as is
22	elected by the employee) during the period
23	which begins on the date of the reemploy-
24	ment of such employee with such employer

and has the same length as the lesser of— $\,$

1	"(I) the product of 3 and the pe-
2	riod of qualified military service which
3	resulted in such rights, and
4	"(II) 5 years, and
5	"(ii) makes a matching contribution
6	with respect to any additional elective de-
7	ferral made pursuant to clause (i) which
8	would have been required had such defer-
9	ral actually been made during the period of
10	such qualified military service.
11	"(B) Amount of makeup required.—
12	The amount determined under this subpara-
13	graph with respect to any plan is the maximum
14	amount of the elective deferrals that the indi-
15	vidual would have been permitted to make
16	under the plan in accordance with the limita-
17	tions referred to in paragraph (1)(A) during the
18	period of qualified military service if the indi-
19	vidual had continued to be employed by the em-
20	ployer during such period and received com-
21	pensation as determined under paragraph (7).
22	Proper adjustment shall be made to the amount
23	determined under the preceding sentence for
24	any elective deferrals actually made during the
25	period of such qualified military service.

1	"(C) Elective deferral.—For purposes
2	of this paragraph, the term 'elective deferral'
3	has the meaning given such term by section
4	402(g)(3); except that such term shall include
5	any deferral of compensation under an eligible
6	deferred compensation plan (as defined in sec-
7	tion 457(b)).
8	"(D) AFTER-TAX EMPLOYEE CONTRIBU-
9	TIONS.—References in subparagraphs (A) and
10	(B) to elective deferrals shall be treated as in-
11	cluding references to employee contributions.
12	"(3) CERTAIN RETROACTIVE ADJUSTMENTS
13	NOT REQUIRED.—For purposes of this subchapter
14	and subchapter E, no provision of chapter 43 of title
15	38, United States Code, shall be construed as re-
16	quiring—
17	"(A) any crediting of earnings to an em-
18	ployee with respect to any contribution before
19	such contribution is actually made, or
20	"(B) any allocation of any forfeiture with
21	respect to the period of qualified military serv-
22	ice.
23	"(4) Loan repayment suspensions per-
24	MITTED.—If any plan suspends the obligation to
25	repay any loan made to an employee from such plan

for any part of any period during which such employee is performing service in the uniformed services (as defined in chapter 43 of title 38, United States Code), whether or not qualified military service, such suspension shall not be taken into account

for purposes of section 72(p) or 401(a).

- "(5) QUALIFIED MILITARY SERVICE.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'qualified military service' means any service in the uniformed services (as defined in chapter 43 of title 38, United States Code) by any individual if such individual is entitled to reemployment rights under such chapter with respect to such service.
 - "(6) Individual account plan.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'individual account plan' means any defined contribution plan (including any tax-sheltered annuity plan under section 403(b), any simplified employee pension under section 408(k), and any NEST under section 408(p)) and any eligible deferred compensation plan (as defined in section 457(b)).
- "(7) COMPENSATION.—For purposes of sections 403(b)(3), 415(c)(3), and 457(e)(5), an employee who is in qualified military service shall be treated

1 as receiving compensation from the employer during 2 such period of qualified military service equal to—

> "(A) the compensation the employee would have received during such period if the employee were not in qualified military service, determined based on the rate of pay the employee would have received from the employer but for absence during the period of qualified military service, or

> "(B) if the compensation the employee would have received during such period was not reasonably certain, the employee's average compensation from the employer during the 12-month period immediately preceding the qualified military service (or, if shorter, the period of employment immediately preceding the qualified military service).

"(8) USERRA REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFIED RETIREMENT PLANS.—For purposes of this subchapter and section 457, an employer sponsoring a retirement plan shall be treated as meeting the requirements of chapter 43 of title 38, United States Code, only if each of the following requirements is met:

"(A) An individual reemployed under such
chapter is treated with respect to such plan as
not having incurred a break in service with the
employer maintaining the plan by reason of
such individual's period of qualified military
service.

"(B) Each period of qualified military service served by an individual is, upon reemployment under such chapter, deemed with respect to such plan to constitute service with the employer maintaining the plan for the purpose of determining the nonforfeitability of the individual's accrued benefits under such plan and for the purpose of determining the accrual of benefits under such plan.

"(C) An individual reemployed under such chapter is entitled to accrued benefits that are contingent on the making of, or derived from, employee contributions or elective deferrals only to the extent the individual makes payment to the plan with respect to such contributions or deferrals. No such payment may exceed the amount the individual would have been permitted or required to contribute had the individual remained continuously employed by the

- employer throughout the period of qualified military service. Any payment to such plan shall be made during the period beginning with the
- date of reemployment and whose duration is 3
 times the period of the qualified military service
- 6 (but not greater than 5 years).
- 7 "(9) Plans not subject to title 38.—This 8 subsection shall not apply to any retirement plan to 9 which chapter 43 of title 38, United States Code, 10 does not apply.
- "(10) REFERENCES.—For purposes of this section, any reference to chapter 43 of title 38, United States Code, shall be treated as a reference to such chapter as in effect on December 12, 1994 (without regard to any subsequent amendment)."
- 16 (b) Coordination With Prohibited Trans-17 Action Rules.—Section 4975(d) is amended by adding 18 at the end the following new sentence: "A loan made by 19 a plan shall not fail to meet the requirements of paragraph 20 (1) by reason of a loan repayment suspension described 21 under section 414(u)(4)."
- 22 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by 23 this section shall be effective as of December 12, 1994.

1	SEC. 1403. ELIMINATION OF SPECIAL VESTING RULE FOR
2	MULTIEMPLOYER PLANS.
3	(a) In General.—Paragraph (2) of section 411(a)
4	(relating to minimum vesting standards) is amended—
5	(1) by striking "subparagraph (A), (B), or (C)"
6	and inserting "subparagraph (A) or (B)"; and
7	(2) by striking subparagraph (C).
8	(b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
9	this section shall apply to plan years beginning on or after
10	the earlier of—
11	(1) the later of—
12	(A) January 1, 1997, or
13	(B) the date on which the last of the col-
14	lective bargaining agreements pursuant to
15	which the plan is maintained terminates (deter-
16	mined without regard to any extension thereof
17	after the date of the enactment of this Act), or
18	(2) January 1, 1999.
19	Such amendments shall not apply to any individual who
20	does not have more than 1 hour of service under the plan
21	on or after the 1st day of the 1st plan year to which such
22	amendments apply.

1	Subtitle D—Conforming
2	Amendments
3	SEC. 1501. CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO MISS-
4	ING PARTICIPANTS.
5	Section 401(a)(34) is amended by striking "title IV"
6	and inserting "section 4050".
7	SEC. 1502. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO
8	ERISA ENFORCEMENT.
9	(a) Special Rule for Certain Judgments and
10	Settlements.—Section 401(a)(13) is amended by add-
11	ing at the end the following new subparagraphs:
12	"(C) Special rule for certain judg-
13	MENTS AND SETTLEMENTS.—Subparagraph (A)
14	shall not apply to any offset of a participant's
15	accrued benefit in a plan against an amount
16	that the participant is ordered or required to
17	pay to the plan if—
18	"(i) the order or requirement to pay
19	arises—
20	"(I) under a judgment of convic-
21	tion for a crime involving such plan,
22	"(II) under a civil judgment (in-
23	cluding a consent order or decree) en-
24	tered by a court in an action brought
25	in connection with a violation (or al-

1	leged violation) of part 4 of subtitle B
2	of title I of the Employee Retirement
3	Income Security Act of 1974, or
4	"(III) pursuant to a settlement
5	agreement between the Secretary of
6	Labor and the participant, or a settle-
7	ment agreement between the Pension
8	Benefit Guaranty Corporation and the
9	participant, in connection with a viola-
10	tion (or alleged violation) of part 4 of
11	subtitle B of title I of such Act,
12	"(ii) the judgment, order, decree, or
13	settlement agreement expressly provides
14	for the offset of all or part of the amount
15	ordered or required to be paid to the plan
16	against the participant's accrued benefit in
17	the plan, and
18	"(iii) if the participant has a spouse
19	at the time at which the offset is to be
20	made—
21	"(I) such spouse has consented
22	in writing to such offset and such con-
23	sent is witnessed by a notary public or
24	representative of the plan,

1	"(II) such spouse is ordered or
2	required to pay in such judgment,
3	order, decree, or settlement an
4	amount to the plan in connection with
5	a violation of part 4 of this title, or
6	"(III) in such judgment, order,
7	decree, or settlement, such spouse re-
8	tains the right to receive the value of
9	the survivor annuity under a qualified
10	joint and survivor annuity provided
11	pursuant to paragraph (11)(A)(i) and
12	under a qualified preretirement survi-
13	vor annuity provided pursuant to
14	paragraph 11(A)(ii), determined in
15	accordance with subparagraph (D).
16	"(D) Determination of value of sur-
17	VIVOR ANNUITY IN CONNECTION WITH OFF-
18	SET.—The value of the survivor annuity de-
19	scribed in subparagraph (C)(iii)(III) shall be
20	determined as if—
21	"(i) the participant terminated em-
22	ployment on the date of the offset,
23	"(ii) there was no offset,
24	"(iii) the plan permitted retirement
25	only on or after normal retirement age,

1	"(iv) the plan provided only the mini-
2	mum-required qualified joint and survivor
3	annuity, and
4	"(v) the amount of the qualified pre-
5	retirement survivor annuity under the plan
6	is equal to the amount of the survivor an-
7	nuity payable under the minimum-required
8	qualified joint and survivor annuity.
9	For purposes of this subparagraph, the term
10	'minimum-required qualified joint and survivor
11	annuity' means the qualified joint and survivor
12	annuity which is the actuarial equivalent of a
13	single annuity for the life of the participant and
14	under which the survivor annuity is 50 percent
15	of the amount of the annuity which is payable
16	during the joint lives of the participant and the
17	spouse.
18	"(E) WAIVER OF CERTAIN DISTRIBUTION
19	REQUIREMENTS.—With respect to the require-
20	ments of subsections (a) and (k) of section 401,
21	section 403(b), and section 409(d), a plan shall
22	not be treated as failing to meet such require-
23	ments solely by reason of an offset under sub-

paragraph (C)."

1	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
2	subsection (a) shall apply to judgments, orders, and de-
3	crees issued, and settlement agreements entered into, or
4	or after the date of enactment of this Act.
5	TITLE II—ERISA PROVISIONS
6	SEC. 2000. AMENDMENT OF ERISA.
7	Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in
8	this title an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms
9	of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-
10	sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to a
11	section or other provision of the Employee Retirement In-
12	come Security Act of 1974.
13	Subtitle A—Expanded Pension
13 14	Subtitle A—Expanded Pension Coverage and Simplification
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14	Coverage and Simplification
14 15	Coverage and Simplification SEC. 2001. REPORTING AND FIDUCIARY REQUIREMENTS
14 15 16	Coverage and Simplification SEC. 2001. REPORTING AND FIDUCIARY REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO NESTS. (a) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 101 (29)
14 15 16 17	Coverage and Simplification SEC. 2001. REPORTING AND FIDUCIARY REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO NESTS. (a) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 101 (29)
14 15 16 17	Coverage and Simplification SEC. 2001. REPORTING AND FIDUCIARY REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO NESTS. (a) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 101 (29) U.S.C. 1021) is amended by redesignating subsection (g)
114 115 116 117 118	Coverage and Simplification SEC. 2001. REPORTING AND FIDUCIARY REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO NESTS. (a) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 101 (29) U.S.C. 1021) is amended by redesignating subsection (g) as subsection (h) and by inserting after subsection (f) the
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	Coverage and Simplification SEC. 2001. REPORTING AND FIDUCIARY REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO NESTS. (a) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 101 (29) U.S.C. 1021) is amended by redesignating subsection (g) as subsection (h) and by inserting after subsection (f) the following new subsection:
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	Coverage and Simplification SEC. 2001. REPORTING AND FIDUCIARY REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO NESTS. (a) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 101 (29) U.S.C. 1021) is amended by redesignating subsection (g) as subsection (h) and by inserting after subsection (f) the following new subsection: "(g) NESTS.—

1	plan under section 408(p) of the Internal Revenue
2	Code of 1986.
3	"(2) Summary Description.—The trustee or
4	issuer of any NEST established pursuant to a pen-
5	sion plan under section 408(p) of such Code shall
6	provide to the employer maintaining the arrange-
7	ment each year a description containing the follow-
8	ing information:
9	"(A) The name and address of the em-
10	ployer and the trustee.
11	"(B) The requirements for eligibility for
12	participation.
13	"(C) The benefits provided with respect to
14	the arrangement.
15	"(D) The time and method of making elec-
16	tions with respect to the arrangement.
17	"(E) The procedures for, and effects of,
18	distributions (including rollovers) from the ar-
19	rangement.
20	"(3) Employee notification.—The employer
21	shall notify each employee immediately before the
22	period for which an election described in section
23	408(p)(7)(B) of such Code may be made of the em-
24	ployee's opportunity to make such election. Such no-
25	tice shall include a copy of the description described

- 1 in paragraph (2) and shall indicate whether match-
- 2 ing contributions will be made with respect to the
- 3 employee's elective contributions, and the level of
- 4 employer matching and nonelective contributions
- 5 which will be made, for the year for which the elec-
- 6 tion may be made."
- 7 (b) FIDUCIARY DUTIES.—Section 404 (29 U.S.C.
- 8 1104) is amended by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
- 9 section (e) and by adding after subsection (c) the following
- 10 new subsection:
- 11 "(d)(1) In the case of a NEST established pursuant
- 12 to a plan under section 408(p) of the Internal Revenue
- 13 Code of 1986, no plan sponsor who is otherwise a fiduciary
- 14 shall be liable under this part for any loss, or by reason
- 15 of any breach, which results from—
- 16 "(A) the designation of the trustee or issuer of
- the NEST, or
- 18 "(B) the manner in which the assets in the
- 19 NEST are invested,
- 20 after the earliest of the dates described in paragraph (2).
- 21 "(2) The dates described in this paragraph are as fol-
- 22 lows:
- 23 "(A) The date on which an affirmative election
- 24 with respect to the initial investment of any con-

1	tribution is made by the individual for whose benefit
2	the NEST is established.
3	"(B) The date on which there is a rollover of
4	the assets of the NEST to any other NEST or indi-
5	vidual retirement account or annuity described in
6	section 408 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
7	"(C) The date which is 1 year after the NEST
8	is established.
9	"(3) This subsection shall not apply to a participant
10	in a plan unless the participant is notified in writing (ei-
11	ther separately or as part of the notice under section
12	101(g)(3)) that the participant's balance may be trans-
13	ferred without cost or penalty to another individual ac-
14	count or annuity in accordance with section $408(d)(3)(G)$
15	of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986."
16	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
17	this section shall apply to years beginning after December
18	31, 1996.
19	SEC. 2002. ELIMINATION OF REQUIREMENT FOR PLAN DE-
20	SCRIPTIONS AND THE FILING REQUIREMENT
21	FOR SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTIONS AND DE-
22	SCRIPTIONS OF MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS
23	TO A PLAN; TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.
24	(a) Filing Requirements.—Section 101(b) (29
25	U.S.C. 1021(b)) is amended by striking paragraphs (1),

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(2), and (3) and by redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5)
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   as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively.
 3
        (b) Plan Description.—
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             (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 102(a) (29 U.S.C.
 5
        1022(a)) is amended—
 6
                 (A) by striking paragraph (2), and
                 (B) by striking "(a)(1)" and inserting
 7
             "(a)".
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 9
             (2) Conforming amendments.—
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                 (A) Section 102(b) (29 U.S.C. 1022(b)) is
11
             amended by striking "The plan description and
12
             summary plan description shall contain" and
13
             inserting "The summary plan description shall
14
             contain".
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                 (B) The heading for section 102 is amend-
             ed by striking "PLAN DESCRIPTION AND".
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17
        (c) Furnishing of Reports.—
18
                      GENERAL.—Section
                 ΙN
                                           104(a)(1)
                                                       (29)
19
        U.S.C. 1024(a)(1)) is amended to read as follows:
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        "Sec. 104. (a)(1) The administrator of any employee
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   benefit plan subject to this part shall file with the Sec-
   retary the annual report for a plan year within 210 days
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   after the close of such year (or within such time as may
   be required by regulations promulgated by the Secretary
25 in order to reduce duplicative filing). The Secretary shall
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make copies of such annual reports available for inspection
   in the public document room of the Department of
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   Labor."
 4
             (2) Secretary may request documents.—
                  (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 104(a) (29
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             U.S.C. 1024(a)) is amended by adding at the
 7
             end the following new paragraph:
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        "(6) The administrator of any employee benefit plan
   subject to this part shall furnish to the Secretary, upon
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   request, any documents relating to the employee benefit
    plan, including but not limited to, the latest summary plan
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   description (including any summaries of plan changes not
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   contained in the summary plan description), and the bar-
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    gaining agreement, trust agreement, contract, or other in-
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    strument under which the plan is established or operated."
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                  (B) Penalty.—Section 502(c) (29 U.S.C.
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             1132(c)) is amended by adding at the end the
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             following new paragraph:
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        "(5) If, within 30 days of a request by the Secretary
   to a plan administrator for documents under section
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    104(a)(6), the plan administrator fails to furnish the ma-
   terial requested to the Secretary, the Secretary may assess
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   a civil penalty against the plan administrator of up to
   $100 a day from the date of such failure (but in no event
   in excess of $1,000 per request). No penalty shall be im-
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posed under this paragraph for any failure resulting from
    matters reasonably beyond the control of the plan admin-
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   istrator."
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        (d) Conforming Amendments.—
 5
             (1) Section 104(b)(1) (29 U.S.C. 1024(b)(1)) is
 6
        amended by striking "section 102(a)(1)" each place
 7
        it appears and inserting "section 102(a)".
 8
             (2) Section 104(b)(2) (29 U.S.C. 1024(b)(2)) is
 9
        amended by striking "the plan description and" and
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        inserting "the latest updated summary plan descrip-
        tion and".
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             (3) Section 104(b)(4) (29 U.S.C. 1024(b)(4)) is
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        amended by striking "plan description".
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             (4) Section 106(a) (29 U.S.C. 1026(a)) is
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        amended by striking "descriptions,".
             (5) Section 107 (29 U.S.C. 1027) is amended
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17
        by striking "description or".
18
             (6) Paragraph (2)(B) of section 108 (29 U.S.C.
19
        1028) is amended to read as follows: "(B) after pub-
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        lishing or filing the annual reports,".
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             (7) Section 502(a)(6) (29 U.S.C. 1132(a)(6)) is
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        amended by striking "subsection (c)(2) or (i) or (l)"
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        and inserting "paragraph (2), (4), or (5) of sub-
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        section (c) or subsection (i) or (l)".
25
        (e) TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO ERISA.—
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1	(1) Section $502(c)(1)$ (29 U.S.C. $1132(c)(1)$) is
2	amended by adding at the end the following new
3	sentence: "For purposes of this paragraph, each vio-
4	lation described in subparagraph (A) with respect to
5	any single participant, and each violation described
6	in subparagraph (B) with respect to any single par-
7	ticipant or beneficiary, shall be treated as a separate
8	violation."
9	(2) Section 502(c) (29 U.S.C. 1132(c)) is
10	amended—
11	(A) by striking the last two sentences of
12	paragraph (4), and
13	(B) by adding at the end the following new
14	paragraph:
15	"(5) The Secretary and the Secretary of Health and
16	Human Services shall maintain such ongoing consultation
17	as may be necessary and appropriate to coordinate en-
18	forcement under this subsection with enforcement under
19	section 1144(c)(9) of the Social Security Act."
20	(f) Effective Date.—The provisions of this section
21	shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

1	SEC. 2003. CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO IN-
2	VESTMENTS IN QUALIFIED STATE PREPAID
3	TUITION PROGRAMS.
4	(a) In General.—Subsection (b) of section 408 is
5	amended by adding at the end the following new para-
6	graph:
7	"(14) any purchase of a qualified State prepaid
8	tuition program instrument to which section 408(q)
9	of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 applies."
10	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
11	this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
12	December 31, 1995.
13	Subtitle B—Portability
14	SEC. 2011. MISSING PARTICIPANTS.
15	(a) In General.—Section 4050 (29 U.S.C. 1350)
16	is amended by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection
17	(e) and by inserting after subsection (b) the following new
18	subsections:
19	"(c) Multiemployer Plans.—The corporation
20	shall prescribe rules similar to the rules in subsection (a)
21	for multiemployer plans covered by this title that termi-
22	nate under section 4041A.
23	"(d) Plans Not Otherwise Subject to Title.—
24	"(1) Transfer to corporation.—The plan
25	administrator of a plan described in paragraph (4)

1	may elect to transfer a missing participant's benefits
2	to the corporation upon termination of the plan.
3	"(2) Information to the corporation.—To
4	the extent provided in regulations, the plan adminis-
5	trator of a plan described in paragraph (4) shall,
6	upon termination of the plan, provide the corpora-
7	tion information with respect to benefits of a miss-
8	ing participant if the plan transfers such benefits—
9	"(A) to the corporation, or
10	"(B) to an entity other than the corpora-
11	tion or a plan described in paragraph (4)(B)(ii).
12	"(3) Payment by the corporation.—If ben-
13	efits of a missing participant were transferred to the
14	corporation under paragraph (1), the corporation
15	shall, upon location of the participant or beneficiary,
16	pay to the participant or beneficiary the amount
17	transferred (or the appropriate survivor benefit) ei-
18	ther—
19	"(A) in a single sum (plus interest), or
20	"(B) in such other form as is specified in
21	regulations of the corporation.
22	"(4) Plans described.—A plan is described
23	in this paragraph if—
24	"(A) the plan is a pension plan (within the
25	meaning of section 3(2))—

1	"(i) to which the provisions of this
2	section do not apply (without regard to
3	this subsection), and
4	"(ii) which is not a plan described in
5	paragraphs (2) through (11) of section
6	4021(b), and
7	"(B) at the time the assets are to be dis-
8	tributed upon termination, the plan—
9	"(i) has missing participants, and
10	"(ii) has not provided for the transfer
11	of assets to pay the benefits of all missing
12	participants to another pension plan (with-
13	in the meaning of section $3(2)$).
14	"(5) CERTAIN PROVISIONS NOT TO APPLY.—
15	Subsections (a)(1) and (a)(3) shall not apply to a
16	plan described in paragraph (4)."
17	(b) Conforming Amendments.—Section 206(f)
18	(29 U.S.C. 1056(f)) is amended—
19	(1) by striking "title IV" and inserting "section
20	4050", and
21	(2) by striking "the plan shall provide that".
22	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
23	this section shall apply to distributions made after final
24	regulations implementing subsections (c) and (d) of sec-
25	tion 4050 of the Employee Retirement Income Security

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Act of 1974 (as added by subsection (a)), respectively, are
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   prescribed.
   SEC. 2012. ELIMINATION OF SPECIAL VESTING RULE FOR
 4
                MULTIEMPLOYER PLANS.
 5
        (a) In General.—Paragraph (2) of section 203(a)
   (29 U.S.C. 1053(a)) is amended—
 6
             (1) by striking "subparagraph (A), (B), or (C)"
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        and inserting "subparagraph (A) or (B)"; and
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 9
             (2) by striking subparagraph (C).
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        (b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
   this section shall apply to plan years beginning on or after
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   the earlier of—
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             (1) the later of—
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                 (A) January 1, 1997, or
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                 (B) the date on which the last of the col-
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                    bargaining agreements pursuant to
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             which the plan is maintained terminates (deter-
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             mined without regard to any extension thereof
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             after the date of the enactment of this Act), or
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             (2) January 1, 1999.
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   Such amendments shall not apply to any individual who
   does not have more than 1 hour of service under the plan
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   on or after the first day of the first plan year to which
   such amendments apply.
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1	SEC. 2013. TREATMENT OF LOANS DURING MILITARY SERV-
2	ICE.
3	(a) In General.—Section 408(b)(1) (29 U.S.C.
4	1148(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following
5	new sentence: "A loan made by a plan shall not fail to
6	meet the requirements of the preceding sentence by reason
7	of a loan repayment suspension described under section
8	414(u)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986."
9	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
10	this section shall be effective as of December 12, 1994.
11	Subtitle C—Enhanced Security
12	CHAPTER 1—GENERAL PROVISIONS
13	SEC. 2021. MULTIEMPLOYER PLAN BENEFITS GUARAN-
14	TEED.
1415	TEED. (a) In General.—Section 4022A(c) (29 U.S.C.
15	(a) In General.—Section 4022A(c) (29 U.S.C.
15 16 17	(a) In General.—Section 4022A(c) (29 U.S.C. 1322a(c)) is amended—
15 16	 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4022A(c) (29 U.S.C. 1322a(c)) is amended— (1) by striking "\$5" each place it appears in
15 16 17 18	 (a) In General.—Section 4022A(c) (29 U.S.C. 1322a(c)) is amended— (1) by striking "\$5" each place it appears in paragraph (1) and inserting "\$11",
15 16 17 18 19	 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4022A(c) (29 U.S.C. 1322a(c)) is amended— (1) by striking "\$5" each place it appears in paragraph (1) and inserting "\$11", (2) by striking "\$15" in paragraph (1) and in-
15 16 17 18 19 20	 (a) In General.—Section 4022A(c) (29 U.S.C. 1322a(c)) is amended— (1) by striking "\$5" each place it appears in paragraph (1) and inserting "\$11", (2) by striking "\$15" in paragraph (1) and inserting "\$33", and
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4022A(c) (29 U.S.C. 1322a(c)) is amended— (1) by striking "\$5" each place it appears in paragraph (1) and inserting "\$11", (2) by striking "\$15" in paragraph (1) and inserting "\$33", and (3) by striking paragraphs (2), (5), and (6) and
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	(a) In General.—Section 4022A(c) (29 U.S.C. 1322a(c)) is amended— (1) by striking "\$5" each place it appears in paragraph (1) and inserting "\$11", (2) by striking "\$15" in paragraph (1) and inserting "\$33", and (3) by striking paragraphs (2), (5), and (6) and by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as para-
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	(a) In General.—Section 4022A(c) (29 U.S.C. 1322a(c)) is amended— (1) by striking "\$5" each place it appears in paragraph (1) and inserting "\$11", (2) by striking "\$15" in paragraph (1) and inserting "\$33", and (3) by striking paragraphs (2), (5), and (6) and by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively.

- 1 section 4261 of the Employee Retirement Income Security
- 2 Act of 1974) within the 1-year period ending on the date
- 3 of the enactment of this Act.
- 4 SEC. 2022. REVERSION REPORT.
- 5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4008 (29 U.S.C. 1308)
- 6 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
- 7 section:
- 8 "(b) Reversion Report.—As soon as practicable
- 9 after the close of each fiscal year, the Secretary of Labor
- 10 (acting in the Secretary's capacity as chairman of the cor-
- 11 poration's board) shall transmit to the President and the
- 12 Congress a report providing information on plans from
- 13 which residual assets were distributed to employers pursu-
- 14 ant to section 4044(d)."
- 15 (b) Conforming Amendment.—Section 4008 (29)
- 16 U.S.C. 1308) is amended by striking "Sec. 4008." and
- 17 inserting "Sec. 4008. (a) Annual Report.—".
- 18 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 19 this section shall apply to fiscal years beginning after Sep-
- 20 tember 30, 1996.
- 21 SEC. 2023. FULL FUNDING LIMITATION FOR MULTIEM-
- PLOYER PLANS.
- 23 (a) Full-Funding Limitation.—Section
- 24 302(c)(7)(C) (29 U.S.C. 1082(c)(7)(C)) is amended—

- 1 (1) by inserting "or in the case of a multiemployer plan," after "paragraph (6)(B),", and 2 3 (2) by inserting "AND MULTIEMPLOYER PLANS" after "PARAGRAPH (6)(B)" in the heading thereof. 4 5 (b) Valuation.—Section 302(c)(9) (29 U.S.C. 6 1082(c)(9)) is amended— 7 (1) by inserting "(3 years in the case of a multiemployer plan)" after "year", and 8
- 9 (2) by striking "ANNUAL VALUATION" in the
- heading and inserting "VALUATION".
- 11 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 12 this section shall apply to plan years beginning after De-
- 13 cember 31, 1996.
- 14 SEC. 2024. PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS.
- 15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 502(i) (29 U.S.C.
- 16 1132(i)) is amended by striking "5 percent" and inserting
- 17 "10 percent".
- 18 (b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 19 this section shall apply to prohibited transactions occur-
- 20 ring after the date of enactment of this Act.
- 21 SEC. 2025, SUBSTANTIAL OWNER BENEFITS.
- 22 (a) Modification of Phase-in of Guarantee.—
- 23 Subparagraphs (B) and (C) of section 4022(b)(5) (29
- 24 U.S.C. 1322(b)(5)) are amended to read as follows:

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        "(B) For purposes of this title, the term 'majority
 2
    owner' has the same meaning as substantial owner under
 3
    subparagraph (A), except that subparagraph (A) shall be
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    applied by substituting '50 percent or more' for 'more
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    than 10 percent' each place it appears.
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        "(C) In the case of a participant who is a majority
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    owner, the amount of benefits guaranteed under this sec-
    tion shall not exceed the product of—
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             "(i) a fraction (not to exceed 1) the numerator
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        of which is the number of years from the later of the
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        effective date or the adoption date of the plan to the
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        termination date, and the denominator of which is
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        30, and
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             "(ii) the amount of the majority owner's month-
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        ly benefits guaranteed under subsection (a) (as lim-
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        ited by paragraph (3) of this subsection)."
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        (b) Modification of Allocation of Assets.—
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                                                      U.S.C.
             (1)
                   Section
                              4044(a)(4)(B)
                                               (29)
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        1344(a)(4)(B)) is amended by striking "section
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        4022(b)(5)" and inserting "section 4022(b)(5)(C)".
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             (2) Section 4044(b) (29 U.S.C. 1344(b)) is
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        amended—
                  (A) by striking "(5)" in paragraph (2) and
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             inserting "(4), (5),", and
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1	(B) by redesignating paragraphs (3)
2	through (6) as paragraphs (4) through (7), re-
3	spectively, and by inserting after paragraph (2)
4	the following new paragraph:
5	"(3) If assets available for allocation under
6	paragraph (4) of subsection (a) are insufficient to
7	satisfy in full the benefits of all individuals who are
8	described in that paragraph, the assets shall be allo-
9	cated first to benefits described in subparagraph (A)
10	of that paragraph. Any remaining assets shall then
11	be allocated to subparagraph (B). If assets allocated
12	to subparagraph (B) are insufficient to satisfy in full
13	the benefits in that subparagraph, the assets shall
14	be allocated pro rata among individuals on the basis
15	of the present value (as of the termination date) of
16	their respective benefits described in that subpara-
17	graph."
18	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
19	this section shall apply to plan terminations—
20	(1) under section 4041(c) of the Employee Re-
21	tirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C.
22	1341(c)) with respect to which notices of intent to
23	terminate are provided under section 4041(a)(2) of
24	such Act (29 USC 1341(a)(2)) on or after the

date of the enactment of this Act, or

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- 1 (2) under section 4042 of such Act (29 U.S.C.
- 2 1342) with respect to which proceedings are insti-
- 3 tuted by the corporation on or after such date.

4 CHAPTER 2—ERISA ENFORCEMENT

- 5 SEC. 2031. SHORT TITLE.
- 6 This part may be cited as the "Pension Audit Im-
- 7 provement Act of 1996".
- 8 SEC. 2032. REPEAL OF LIMITED SCOPE AUDIT.
- 9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 103(a)(3) (29 U.S.C.
- 10 1023(a)(3)) is amended by striking subparagraph (C) and
- 11 by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (C).
- 12 (b) Conforming Amendments.—
- 13 (1) Section 103(a)(3)(A) (29 U.S.C.
- 14 1023(a)(3)(A)) is amended by striking "Except as
- provided in subparagraph (C), the" and inserting
- 16 "The".
- 17 (2) Section 104(a)(5)(A) (29 U.S.C.
- 18 1024(a)(5)(A)) is amended by striking "section
- 19 103(a)(3)(D)" and inserting "section 103(a)(3)(C)".
- (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 21 this section shall apply with respect to opinions required
- 22 under section 103(a)(3)(A) of the Employee Retirement
- 23 Income Security Act of 1974 for plan years beginning on
- 24 or after January 1 of the calendar year following the date
- 25 of the enactment of this Act.

1	SEC. 2033. REPORTING AND ENFORCEMENT REQUIRE-
2	MENTS FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS.
3	(a) In General.—Part 1 of subtitle B of title I (29
4	U.S.C. 1021 et seq.) is amended—
5	(1) by redesignating section 111 as section 112,
6	and
7	(2) by inserting after section 110 the following
8	new section:
9	"DIRECT REPORTING OF CERTAIN EVENTS
10	"Sec. 111. (a) Required Notifications.—
11	"(1) Notifications by Plan adminis-
12	TRATOR.—The administrator of an employee benefit
13	plan shall, within 5 business days after the adminis-
14	trator determines that there is evidence (or after the
15	administrator is notified under paragraph (2)) that
16	an irregularity may have occurred with respect to
17	the plan—
18	"(A) notify the Secretary of the irregular-
19	ity in writing; and
20	"(B) furnish a copy of such notification to
21	the accountant who is currently engaged under
22	section $103(a)(3)(A)$.
23	"(2) Notifications by accountant.—
24	"(A) In General.—An accountant en-
25	gaged by the administrator of an employee ben-
26	efit plan under section 103(a)(3)(A) shall, with-

1	in 5 business days after the accountant in con-
2	nection with such engagement determines that
3	there is evidence that an irregularity may have
4	occurred with respect to the plan—
5	"(i) notify the plan administrator of
6	the irregularity in writing, or
7	"(ii) if the accountant determines that
8	there is evidence that the irregularity may
9	have involved an individual who is the plan
10	administrator or who is a senior official of
11	the plan administrator, notify the Sec-
12	retary of the irregularity in writing.
13	"(B) Notification upon failure of
14	PLAN ADMINISTRATOR TO NOTIFY.—If an ac-
15	countant who has provided notification to the
16	plan administrator pursuant to subparagraph
17	(A)(i) does not receive a copy of the administra-
18	tor's notification to the Secretary required
19	under paragraph (1)(B) within the 5-business
20	day period specified therein, the accountant
21	shall furnish to the Secretary a copy of the ac-
22	countant's notification made to the plan admin-
23	istrator on the next business day following such
24	period.
25	"(3) Irregularity defined.—

1	"(A) For purposes of this subsection, the
2	term 'irregularity' means—
3	"(i) a theft, embezzlement, or a viola-
4	tion of section 664 of title 18, United
5	States Code (relating to theft or embezzle-
6	ment from an employee benefit plan);
7	"(ii) an extortion or a violation of sec-
8	tion 1951 of such title 18 (relating to in-
9	terference with commerce by threats or vi-
10	olence);
11	"(iii) a bribery, a kickback, or a viola-
12	tion of section 1954 of such title 18 (relat-
13	ing to offer, acceptance, or solicitation to
14	influence operations of an employee benefit
15	plan);
16	"(iv) a violation of section 1027 of
17	such title 18 (relating to false statements
18	and concealment of facts in relation to em-
19	ployer benefit plan records); or
20	"(v) a violation of section 411, 501, or
21	511 of this title (relating to criminal viola-
22	tions).
23	"(B) The term 'irregularity' shall not in-
24	clude any act or omission described in this
25	paragraph involving less than \$1,000 unless

1	there is reason to believe that the act or omis-
2	sion may bear on the integrity of plan manage-
3	ment.
4	"(b) Notification Upon Termination of En-
5	GAGEMENT OF ACCOUNTANT.—
6	"(1) Notification by Plan adminis-
7	TRATOR.—Within 5 business days after the termi-
8	nation of an engagement for auditing services under
9	section $103(a)(3)(A)$ with respect to an employee
10	benefit plan, the administrator of such plan shall—
11	"(A) notify the Secretary in writing of
12	such termination, giving the reasons for such
13	termination, and
14	"(B) furnish the accountant whose engage-
15	ment was terminated with a copy of the notifi-
16	cation sent to the Secretary.
17	"(2) NOTIFICATION BY ACCOUNTANT.—If the
18	accountant referred to in paragraph (1)(B) has not
19	received a copy of the administrator's notification to
20	the Secretary as required under paragraph (1)(B),
21	or if the accountant disagrees with the reasons given
22	in the notification of termination of the engagement
23	for auditing services, the accountant shall notify the
24	Secretary in writing of the termination, giving the

- 1 reasons for the termination, within 10 business days
- 2 after the termination of the engagement.
- 3 "(c) Determination of Periods Required for
- 4 Notification.—In determining whether a notification re-
- 5 quired under this section with respect to any act or omis-
- 6 sion has been made within the required number of busi-
- 7 ness days—
- 8 "(1) the day on which such act or omission be-
- 9 gins shall not be included; and
- 10 "(2) Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays
- shall not be included.
- 12 For purposes of this subsection, the term 'legal holiday'
- 13 means any Federal legal holiday and any other day ap-
- 14 pointed as a holiday by the State in which the person re-
- 15 sponsible for making the notification principally conducts
- 16 his business.
- 17 "(d) Immunity for Good Faith Notification.—
- 18 Except as provided in this Act, no accountant or plan ad-
- 19 ministrator shall be liable to any person for any finding,
- 20 conclusion, or statement made in any notification made
- 21 pursuant to subsection (a)(2) or (b)(2), or pursuant to any
- 22 regulations issued thereunder, if such finding, conclusion,
- 23 or statement is made in good faith."
- 24 (b) CIVIL PENALTY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 502(c) (29 U.S.C. 1 2 1132(c)), as amended by section 2002, is amended 3 by redesignating paragraph (6) as paragraph (7) 4 and by inserting after paragraph (5) the following 5 new paragraph: 6 "(6)(A) The Secretary may assess a civil penalty of up to \$100,000 against any administrator who fails to provide the Secretary with any notification as required 8 under section 111. 10 "(B) The Secretary may assess a civil penalty of up to \$100,000 against any accountant who knowingly and 12 willfully fails to provide the Secretary with any notification as required under section 111." 13 14 (2)Conforming AMENDMENT.—Section 15 502(a)(6) (29 U.S.C. 1132(a)(6)), as amended by section 2002, is amended by striking "or (5)" and 16 17 inserting "(5), or (6)". 18 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.— 19 (1) Section 514(d) (29 U.S.C. 1144(d)) is amended by striking "111" and inserting "112". 20 21 (2) The table of contents in section 1 is amend-22 ed by striking the item relating to section 111 and 23 inserting the following new items:

[&]quot;Sec. 111. Direct reporting of certain events.

[&]quot;Sec. 112. Repeal and effective date."

1	(d) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
2	this section shall apply with respect to any irregularity or
3	termination of engagement described in such amendments
4	only if the 5-day period described in such amendments in
5	connection with such irregularity or termination com-
6	mences at least 90 days after the date of the enactment
7	of this Act.
8	SEC. 2034. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFIED
9	PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS.
10	(a) In General.—Section 103(a)(3)(C) (29 U.S.C.
11	1023(a)(3)(C)), as redesignated by section 2032, is
12	amended—
13	(1) by inserting "(i)" after "(C)";
14	(2) by inserting ", with respect to any engage-
15	ment of an accountant under subparagraph (A)"
16	after "means";
17	(3) by redesignating clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) as
18	subclauses (I), (II), and (III), respectively;
19	(4) by striking the period at the end of sub-
20	clause (III) (as so redesignated) and inserting a
21	comma;
22	(5) by adding after subclause (III) (as so redes-
23	ignated), and flush with clause (i), the following:
24	"but only if such person meets the requirements of clauses
25	(ii) and (iii) with respect to such engagement."; and

1	(6) by adding at the end the following new
2	clauses:
3	"(ii) A person meets the requirements of this clause
4	with respect to an engagement of such person as an ac-
5	countant under subparagraph (A) if such person—
6	"(I) has in operation an appropriate internal
7	quality control system;
8	"(II) has undergone a qualified external quality
9	control review of the person's accounting and audit-
10	ing practices, including such practices relevant to
11	employee benefit plans (if any), during the 3-year
12	period immediately preceding such engagement; and
13	"(III) has completed, within the 2-year period
14	immediately preceding such engagement, at least 80
15	hours of continuing education or training which con-
16	tributes to the accountant's professional proficiency,
17	at least 20 hours of which have been completed dur-
18	ing the 1-year period immediately preceding the en-
19	gagement, and at least 16 hours of which relate to
20	employee benefit plan matters.
21	"(iii) A person meets the requirements of this clause
22	with respect to an engagement of such person as an ac-
23	countant under subparagraph (A) if such person meets
24	such additional requirements and qualifications of regula-

- 1 tions which the Secretary deems necessary to ensure the
- 2 quality of plan audits.
- 3 "(iv) For purposes of clause (ii)(II), an external qual-
- 4 ity control review shall be treated as qualified with respect
- 5 to a person referred to in clause (ii) if—
- 6 "(I) such review is performed in accordance
- 7 with the requirements of external quality control re-
- 8 view programs of recognized auditing standard-set-
- 9 ting bodies, as determined under regulations of the
- 10 Secretary, and
- 11 "(II) in the case of any such person who has,
- during the peer review period, conducted one or
- more previous audits of employee benefit plans, such
- review includes the review of an appropriate number
- 15 (determined as provided in such regulations, but in
- no case less than one) of plan audits in relation to
- the scale of such person's auditing practice.
- 18 The Secretary shall issue the regulations under subclause
- 19 (I) no later than December 31, 1997."
- 20 (b) Effective Dates.—
- 21 (1) In general.—Except as provided in para-
- graph (2), the amendments made by this section
- shall apply with respect to plan years beginning on
- or after the date which is 3 years after the date of
- 25 the enactment of this Act.

1	(2) Restrictions on conducting examina-
2	TIONS.—Clause (iii) of section 103(a)(3)(C) of the
3	Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974
4	(as added by subsection (a)(6)) shall take effect on
5	the date of enactment of this Act.
6	SEC. 2035. CLARIFICATION OF FIDUCIARY PENALTIES.
7	(a) Modification of Prohibition of Assignment
8	OR ALIENATION.—
9	(1) Amendment to Erisa.—Section 206(d)
10	(29 U.S.C. 1056(d)) is amended by adding at the
11	end the following new paragraphs:
12	"(4) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any offset of
13	a participant's accrued benefit in an employee pension
14	benefit plan against an amount that the participant is or-
15	dered or required to pay to the plan if—
16	"(A) the order or requirement to pay arises—
17	"(i) under a judgment of conviction for a
18	crime involving such plan,
19	"(ii) under a civil judgment (including a
20	consent order or decree) entered by a court in
21	an action brought in connection with a violation
22	(or alleged violation) of part 4 of this subtitle,
23	Or
24	"(iii) pursuant to a settlement agreement
25	between the Secretary and the participant, or a

1	settlement agreement between the Pension Ben-
2	efit Guaranty Corporation and the participant,
3	in connection with a violation (or alleged viola-
4	tion) of part 4 of this subtitle,
5	"(B) the judgment, order, decree, or settlement
6	agreement expressly provides for the offset of all or
7	part of the amount ordered or required to be paid
8	to the plan against the participant's accrued benefit
9	in the plan, and
10	"(C) if the participant has a spouse at the time
11	at which the offset is to be made—
12	"(i) such spouse has consented in writing
13	to such offset and such consent is witnessed by
14	a notary public or representative of the plan,
15	"(ii) such spouse is ordered or required in
16	such judgment, order, decree, or settlement to
17	pay an amount to the plan in connection with
18	a violation of part 4 of this title, or
19	"(iii) in such judgment, order, decree, or
20	settlement, such spouse retains the right to re-
21	ceive the value of the survivor annuity under a
22	qualified joint and survivor annuity provided
23	pursuant to section $205(a)(1)$ and under a
24	qualified preretirement survivor annuity pro-

1	vided pursuant to section 205(a)(2), determined
2	in accordance with paragraph (5).
3	"(5)(A) The value of the survivor annuity described
4	in paragraph (4)(C)(iii) shall be determined as if—
5	"(i) the participant terminated employment on
6	the date of the offset,
7	"(ii) there was no offset,
8	"(iii) the plan permitted retirement only on or
9	after normal retirement age,
10	"(iv) the plan provided only the minimum-re-
11	quired qualified joint and survivor annuity, and
12	"(v) the amount of the qualified preretirement
13	survivor annuity under the plan is equal to the
14	amount of the survivor annuity payable under the
15	minimum-required qualified joint and survivor annu-
16	ity.
17	"(B) For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'mini-
18	mum-required qualified joint and survivor annuity' means
19	the qualified joint and survivor annuity which is the actu-
20	arial equivalent of a single annuity for the life of the par-
21	ticipant and under which the survivor annuity is 50 per-
22	cent of the amount of the annuity which is payable during
23	the joint lives of the participant and the spouse."
24	(2) Effective date.—The amendment made
25	by this subsection shall apply to judgments, orders,

1	and decrees issued, and settlement agreements en-
2	tered into, on or after the date of enactment of this
3	Act.
4	(b) Civil Penalties for Breach of Fiduciary
5	RESPONSIBILITY.—
6	(1) Imposition and amount of penalty
7	MADE DISCRETIONARY.—Section 502(l)(1) (29
8	U.S.C. 1132(l)(1)) is amended—
9	(A) by striking "shall" and inserting
10	"may", and
11	(B) by striking "equal to" and inserting
12	"not greater than".
13	(2) APPLICABLE RECOVERY AMOUNT.—Section
14	502(l)(2) (29 U.S.C. $1132(l)(2)$) is amended to read
15	as follows:
16	"(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), the term 'appli-
17	cable recovery amount' means any amount which is recov-
18	ered from (or on behalf of) any fiduciary or other person
19	with respect to a breach or violation described in para-
20	graph (1) on or after the 30th day following receipt by
21	such fiduciary or other person of written notice from the
22	Secretary of the violation, whether paid voluntarily or by
23	order of a court in a judicial proceeding instituted by the
24	Secretary under subsection (a)(2) or (a)(5). The Secretary

1	may, in the Secretary's sole discretion, extend the 30-day
2	period described in the preceding sentence."
3	(3) Other Rules.—Section 502(1) (29 U.S.C.
4	1132(l)) is amended by adding at the end the follow-
5	ing new paragraphs:
6	"(5) A person shall be jointly and severally liable for
7	the penalty described in paragraph (1) to the same extent
8	that such person is jointly and severally liable for the ap-
9	plicable recovery amount on which the penalty is based.
10	"(6) No penalty shall be assessed under this sub-
11	section unless the person against whom the penalty is as-
12	sessed is given notice and opportunity for a hearing with
13	respect to the violation and applicable recovery amount."
14	(4) Effective dates.—
15	(A) In general.—The amendments made
16	by this subsection shall apply to any breach of
17	fiduciary responsibility or other violation of part
18	4 of subtitle B of title I of the Employee Re-
19	tirement Income Security Act of 1974 occurring
20	on or after the date of enactment of this Act.
21	(B) Transition rule.—In applying the
22	amendment made by paragraph (2) (relating to
23	applicable recovery amount), a breach or other
24	violation occurring before the date of the enact-
25	ment of this Act which continues after the

1	180th day after such date (and which may have
2	been discontinued at any time during its exist-
3	ence) shall be treated as having occurred after
4	such date of enactment.
5	TITLE III—ADDITIONAL RETIRE-
6	MENT PARTICIPATION AND
7	PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR FED-
8	ERAL EMPLOYEES
9	SEC. 3001. IMMEDIATE PARTICIPATION IN THE THRIFT SAV-
10	INGS PLAN FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.
11	(a) Elimination of Certain Waiting Periods
12	FOR PURPOSES OF EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS.—Para-
13	graph (4) of section 8432(b) of title 5, United States
14	Code, is amended to read as follows:
15	"(4) The Executive Director shall prescribe such reg-
16	ulations as may be necessary to carry out the following:
17	"(A) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of
18	paragraph (2), an employee or Member described in
19	such subparagraph shall be afforded a reasonable
20	opportunity to first make an election under this sub-
21	section beginning on the date of commencing service
22	or, if that is not administratively feasible, beginning
23	on the earliest date thereafter that such an election
24	becomes administratively feasible, as determined by
25	the Executive Director.

"(B) An employee or Member described in sub-paragraph (B) of paragraph (2) shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to first make an election under this subsection (based on the appointment or election described in such subparagraph) beginning on the date of commencing service pursuant to such appointment or election or, if that is not administra-tively feasible, beginning on the earliest date there-after that such an election becomes administratively feasible, as determined by the Executive Director.

- "(C) Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this paragraph, contributions under paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (c) shall not be payable with respect to any pay period before the earliest pay period for which such contributions would otherwise be allowable under this subsection if this paragraph had not been enacted.
- "(D) Sections 8351(a)(2), 8440a(a)(2), 8440b(a)(2), 8440c(a)(2), and 8440d(a)(2) shall be applied in a manner consistent with the purposes of subparagraphs (A) and (B), to the extent those subparagraphs can be applied with respect thereto.
- 23 "(E) Nothing in this paragraph shall affect 24 paragraph (3).".

- 1 (b) Technical and Conforming Amendments.—
- 2 (1) Section 8432(a) of title 5, United States Code, is
- 3 amended—
- 4 (A) in the first sentence by striking "(b)(1)"
- 5 and inserting "(b)"; and
- 6 (B) by amending the second sentence to read as
- 7 follows: "Contributions under this subsection pursu-
- 8 and to such an election shall, with respect to each
- 9 pay period for which such election remains in effect,
- be made in accordance with a program of regular
- 11 contributions provided in regulations prescribed by
- the Executive Director.".
- 13 (2) Section 8432(b)(1)(B) of such title is amended
- 14 by inserting "(or any election allowable by virtue of para-
- 15 graph (4))" after "subparagraph (A)".
- 16 (3) Section 8432(b)(3) of such title is amended by
- 17 striking "Notwithstanding paragraph (2)(A), an" and in-
- 18 serting "An".
- 19 (4) Section 8432(i)(1)(B)(ii) of such title is amended
- 20 by striking "either elected to terminate individual con-
- 21 tributions to the Thrift Savings Fund within 2 months
- 22 before commencing military service or".
- 23 (5) Section 8439(a)(1) of such title is amended by
- 24 inserting "who makes contributions or" after "for each

- 1 individual" and by striking "section 8432(c)(1)" and in-
- 2 serting "section 8432".
- 3 (6) Section 8439(c)(2) of such title is amended by
- 4 adding at the end the following: "Nothing in this para-
- 5 graph shall be considered to limit the dissemination of in-
- 6 formation only to the times required under the preceding
- 7 sentence.".
- 8 (7) Sections 8440a(a)(2) and 8440d(a)(2) of such
- 9 title are amended by striking all after "subject to" and
- 10 inserting "subject to this chapter.".
- 11 (c) Effective Date.—This section shall take effect
- 12 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act or
- 13 such earlier date as the Executive Director may by regula-
- 14 tion prescribe.
- 15 SEC. 3002. DEFERRED ANNUITIES FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES
- 16 **OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.**
- 17 (a) In General.—Section 8341 of title 5, United
- 18 States Code, is amended—
- 19 (1) in subsection (h)(1) by striking "section
- 8338(b) of this title" and inserting "section
- 8338(b), and a former spouse of a deceased former
- 22 employee who separated from the service with title
- to a deferred annuity under section 8338 (if they
- 24 were married to one another prior to the date of sep-
- aration),"; and

1	(2) by adding at the end the following:
2	"(j)(1) If a former employee dies after having sepa-
3	rated from the service with title to a deferred annuity
4	under section 8338 but before having established a valid
5	claim for annuity, and is survived by a spouse to whom
6	married on the date of separation, the surviving spouse
7	may elect to receive—
8	"(A) an annuity, commencing on what would
9	have been the former employee's 62d birthday, equal
10	to 55 percent of the former employee's deferred an-
11	nuity;
12	"(B) an annuity, commencing on the day after
13	the date of death of the former employee, such that,
14	to the extent practicable, the present value of the fu-
15	ture payments of the annuity would be actuarially
16	equivalent to the present value of the future pay-
17	ments under subparagraph (A) as of the day after
18	the former employee's death; or
19	"(C) the lump-sum credit, if the surviving
20	spouse is the individual who would be entitled to the
21	lump-sum credit and if such surviving spouse files
22	application therefor.
23	"(2) An annuity under this subsection and the right
24	thereto terminate on the last day of the month before the

- 1 surviving spouse remarries before becoming 55 years of
- 2 age, or dies.".
- 3 (b) Corresponding Amendment for FERS.—
- 4 Section 8445(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amend-
- 5 ed—
- 6 (1) by striking "(or of a former employee or"
- 7 and inserting "(or of a former"; and
- 8 (2) by striking "annuity" and inserting "annu-
- 9 ity, or of a former employee who dies after having
- separated from the service with title to a deferred
- annuity under section 8413 but before having estab-
- lished a valid claim for annuity (if such former
- spouse was married to such former employee prior
- to the date of separation))".
- 15 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 16 this section shall apply with respect to surviving spouses
- 17 and former spouses (whose marriage, in the case of the
- 18 amendments made by subsection (a), terminated after
- 19 May 6, 1985) of former employees who die after the date
- 20 of the enactment of this Act.
- 21 SEC. 3003. PAYMENT OF LUMP-SUM CREDIT FOR FORMER
- 22 SPOUSES OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.
- 23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 5, United States Code, is
- 24 amended—

1	(1) in section 8342(c) by striking "Lump-sum"
2	and inserting "Except as provided in section
3	8345(j), lump-sum'';
4	(2) in section 8345(j)—
5	(A) in paragraph (1) by inserting after
6	"that individual" the following: ", or be made
7	under section 8342(d) through (f) to an individ-
8	ual entitled under section 8342(c),"; and
9	(B) by adding at the end the following:
10	"(4) Any payment under this subsection to a person
11	bars recovery by any other person.";
12	(3) in section 8424(d) by striking "Lump-sum"
13	and inserting "Except as provided in section
14	8467(a), lump-sum"; and
15	(4) in section 8467—
16	(A) in subsection (a) by inserting after
17	"that individual" the following: ", or be made
18	under section 8424(e) through (g) to an indi-
19	vidual entitled under section 8424(d),"; and
20	(B) by adding at the end the following:
21	"(d) Any payment under this section to a person bars
22	recovery by any other person.".
23	(b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
24	this section shall apply with respect to any death occurring

1	after the 90th day after the date of the enactment of this
2	Act.
3	TITLE IV—CONFORMING RAIL-
4	ROAD RETIREMENT BENE-
5	FITS WITH SOCIAL SECURITY
6	SEC. 4001. CHILD'S ANNUITY.
7	(a) Eligibility for Annuity.—Section 2 of the
8	Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 is amended by adding
9	at the end the following new subsection:
10	"(i) The child (as defined in section 216(e) and (k)
11	of the Social Security Act) of an individual, if—
12	"(i)(I) such child will be less than 18 years of
13	age,
14	"(II) such child will be less than 19 years of
15	age and a full-time elementary or secondary school
16	student, or
17	"(III) such child will, without regard to his or
18	her age, be under a disability which began before the
19	child attained age 22 or before the 84th month fol-
20	lowing the month in which his most recent entitle-
21	ment to an annuity under this subsection terminated
22	because he or she ceased to be under a disability,
23	and
24	"(ii) such child is unmarried and dependent
25	upon the employee,

- 1 shall be entitled to an annuity, if he or she has filed an
- 2 application therefor, in the amount provided under section
- 3 4 of this Act."
- 4 (b) Amount of Annuity.—Section 4 of such Act is
- 5 amended—
- 6 (1) in the heading, by adding at the end "AND
- 7 CHILD ANNUITIES"; and
- 8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
- 9 section:
- 10 "(j) The annuity of a child of an individual under
- 11 section 2(i) of this Act shall be in the amount that would
- 12 have been payable to the child under title II of the Social
- 13 Security Act if all of the individual's service after Decem-
- 14 ber 31, 1936, had been included in the term 'employment'
- 15 as defined in that Act reduced by any benefit payable
- 16 under title II of the Social Security Act.".
- 17 (c) Technical Amendment.—The first sentence of
- 18 section 3(f)(3) of such Act is amended by striking "the
- 19 spouse and divorced wife" and inserting "the spouse,
- 20 child, and divorced wife".
- 21 SEC. 4002. ENTITLEMENT TO SPOUSAL ANNUITIES.
- 22 (a) Entitlement Despite Certain Age Require-
- 23 Ments.—Section 2(c)(1) of the Railroad Retirement Act
- 24 of 1974 is amended by adding at the end the following:
- 25 "A spouse who is not entitled to an annuity by reason

- 1 of paragraph (i)(B) of this subdivision, but who otherwise
- 2 meets the conditions for entitlement to an annuity under
- 3 this subsection, shall be entitled to an annuity in such
- 4 amount as would have been payable under title II of the
- 5 Social Security Act if all of the individual's service after
- 6 December 31, 1936, had been included in the term 'em-
- 7 ployment' as defined in that Act reduced by any benefit
- 8 payable to the spouse under title II of the Social Security
- 9 Act.".
- 10 (b) Removal of Age Requirement for Divorced
- 11 Spouses.—Section 2(c)(4) of such Act is amended by
- 12 striking paragraph (ii), by redesignating paragraph (iii)
- 13 as paragraph (ii), and by striking paragraph (i) and in-
- 14 serting the following:
- 15 "(i) such individual has completed 10 years
- of service; and".
- 17 (c) Entitlement of Divorced Spouse Where
- 18 Worker's Annuity Is Not Payable.—Section 2(e)(5)
- 19 of such Act is amended by striking "or divorced wife" in
- 20 the second sentence.

1	SEC. 4003. CONTINUED PAYMENT TO SURVIVORS OF
2	WAIVED LUMP SUM BENEFITS IN AMOUNTS
3	EQUIVALENT TO SOCIAL SECURITY SURVI-
4	VOR BENEFITS
5	Section 6(c)(1) of the Railroad Retirement Act of
6	1974 is amended by striking all that follows "Provided,
7	however," and inserting the following: "That if the em-
8	ployee is survived by a widow, widower, or parent who may
9	upon attaining the age of eligibility be entitled to benefits
10	under this Act, such lump sum shall not be paid unless
11	such widow, widower, or parent makes and files with the
12	Board an irrevocable election, in such form as the Board
13	may prescribe, to have such lump sum be paid in lieu of
14	all benefits, other than the amount of the benefits that
15	the widow, widower, or parent would have received under
16	title II of the Social Security Act if all of the employee's
17	service after December 31, 1936, had been included in the
18	term 'employment' as defined in that Act. After a lump
19	sum with respect to the death of an employee is paid pur-
20	suant to an election filed with the Board under the provi-
21	sions of this subsection, no further benefits, other than
22	benefits in such amounts as would have been payable
23	under title II of the Social Security Act if all of the em-
24	ployee's service after December 31, 1936, had been in-
25	cluded in the term 'employment' as defined in that Act,

- 1 shall be paid under this Act on the basis of such employ-
- 2 ee's compensation and service under this Act.".
- 3 SEC. 4004. LUMP SUM DEATH BENEFITS EQUIVALENT TO
- 4 SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.
- 5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6(b)(2) of the Railroad
- 6 Retirement Act of 1974 is amended to read as follows:
- 7 "(2) Upon the death of an individual who (A) will
- 8 have completed ten years of service at the time of his
- 9 death, and (B) will have had a current connection with
- 10 the railroad industry at the time of his death, a lump-
- 11 sum death payment shall be made in accordance with the
- 12 provisions of section 202(i) of the Social Security Act in
- 13 an amount equal to the amount which would have been
- 14 payable under such section 202(i) if such individual's serv-
- 15 ice as an employee after December 31, 1936, were in-
- 16 cluded in the term 'employment' as defined in that Act.".
- 17 (b) Conforming Amendment.—Section 6(b)(1) of
- 18 such Act is amended by inserting before the period at the
- 19 end of the first sentence the following: "less any lump-
- 20 sum benefit payable under subdivision (2) of this sub-
- 21 section".

1	SEC. 4005. PAYMENT OF BENEFITS EQUIVALENT TO SOCIAL
2	SECURITY BENEFITS WITH RESPECT TO
3	SERVICE FOR WHICH CERTAIN RAILROAD RE-
4	TIREMENT ANNUITIES ARE NOT PAYABLE.
5	Section 2(e) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974
6	is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
7	division:
8	"(6) A person who has filed an application for an an-
9	nuity under this Act, but whose annuity is not payable
10	for a month by reason of subdivision (1), (3), or (5) of
11	this subsection and who is entitled to a benefit under title
12	II of the Social Security Act for such month shall be enti-
13	tled to receive an annuity under this Act for such month
14	equal to the difference between the benefit under such title
15	II paid for such month and the benefit under such title
16	II that would have been paid for such month if all of the
17	individual's service after December 31, 1936, had been in-
18	cluded in the term 'employment' as defined in that Act."
19	SEC. 4006. EFFECTIVE DATE.
20	The amendments made by this title shall take effect
21	on January 1, 1997.

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